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WEAKENING OF GERMAN LINES IN BELGIUM PERMITS ALLIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POSITIONS

Withdrawal of German Troops to Strengthen Eastern Battle Front Gives Anglo-French Forces Chance to Gain Ground—Advance is Slow—England Satisfied With Naval Victory, But No Celebrations.

LACK OF NEWS FROM POLAND CAUSES SOME UNEASINESS AS TO OUTCOME OF LONG BATTLE

Servia's Crushing Defeat of the Austrian Army is Practically Admitted by the Latter's official Report—Sudden Turn of Battle a Surprise—German Emperor's Health is Much Improved.

London, December 10.—While the defeat of the German squadron in the South Atlantic has evoked great satisfaction throughout Great Britain, there have been no celebrations such as marked the victories of the South African war, the British people being too much wrapped up in operations of the Allied armies on the continent.

The lack of news from Poland causes uneasiness regarding the outcome of the prolonged battle between the Russians and Germans, but reports from France are considered here most favorable to the Allies.

The daily communication from Paris shows that the French have been making slow progress at many points for a fortnight, and a review sent by a French eye-witness for the period from November 27th to Decebmer 5th claims that the ascendancy of the French infantry and artillery over the Germans has been established.

The French report tonight adds little to the general knowledge, as it says the situation is unchanged, which indicates, however, that the positions taken have been maintained. Berlin states that the French attacks in the Argonne have been repulsed.

It is apparent, however, that with the withdrawal of German troops to strengthen the armies in the East, the Allies have pushed their lines forward in many places.

The Germans continue their efforts to smash the Russian armies. While a large part of their force is endeavoring to hold the Russian center, another army is advancing from East Prussia to the east of Mlawa and is attacking the Russian right in an effort to cut communications and enter Warsaw through the back door.

Heavy fighting is going on southwest of Lodz and southeast of Cracow, where the Austrians and Germans are endeavoring to get around the Russian left and force these troops to retire from the fortress.

The Germans are repeating on a large scale their favorite tactics of out-flanking the opposing forces. In this they always have gained initial successes because of their ability, with better means, to move their troops quickly. The Russians, however, heretofore have met them with overwhelming numbers.

The defeat of the Austrians by the Servians is virtually admitted in the Austrian official report, which says that because they have met strong hostile forces, Austrian troops have been ordered to occupy more favorable positions.

Result of Battle a Surprise.

This sudden turn of events in favor of the Servians is a mystery, but it is possible they have received reinforcements from Russia or more guns and ammunition from some friendly country; or it may be that some of the Austrian troops were withdrawn from Servia after the occupation of Belgrade. Whatever the cause, the Servians have inflicted a severe defeat on the invaders.

Latest official reports from Berlin say the German Emperor's health is much improved. It is believed the bronchial attack to which he is subject at this time of the year, was well under control before the fact of his illness was made public and that he probably will make a quick recovery.

General Louis Botha, premier and commander of the defense forces of the Union of South Africa, announces that the rebellion is crushed. Since the capture of 700 rebels and the surrender of 200 others, five additional rebel leaders and their commanders have laid down their arms. Only one rebel leader is at large, Col. Maritz.

The Indian office reports 1,100 Turkish prisoners exclusive of wounded and nine guns were captured at Kurna on the Persian gulf, which was occupied on December 8.

SUBMARINES MAKE ATTACK.

German Vessels Try to Enter Harbor at Dover Where Fleet is Anchored.

Dover, Eng., Dec. 10, via London, Dec. 11—Dover was thrown into excitement today by the announcement that the Germans early this morning attempted a submarine attack on the harbor works and the fleet at anchor in the harbor.

The night was dark and a heavy rain and haze made searchlight work difficult. The forts were put on the alert about 4 o'clock by the appearance off the harbor entrance of an unidentified steamer which refused to stop until a shot was fired across her bow. This vessel then retired. She is believed to have been the tender of the submarines.

Half an hour later a single submarine was sighted and one of the heavy guns in the harbor fired at her. This submarine, which evidently was the advance scout, disappeared, but at half past six the observers sighted what they believed to be a fleet of about six several miles out in the channel.

The channel forts commenced firing in the direction of the supposed submarines and kept it up for almost half an hour. At the same time a torpedo boat destroyer flotilla put to sea where it remained all day.

Large crowds gathered on the water front in the early morning hours and watched the searchlights and the artillery fire. When they saw no results of the shelling many persons expressed the opinion that it was a false alarm.

There is no official confirmation that German submarines were seen.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Met Strong Servian Forces and Ordered to Occupy Better Position.

Amsterdam, Dec. 10, via London—The official communication issued at Vienna today by the Austrian army headquarters staff says:

"Part of our troops in Servia encountered west of Milanovatz strong hostile forces and could not break through them. In order to avoid a counter attack some of our troops were ordered to occupy more favorable situated positions.

"On December 8th we captured 20 guns and took numerous prisoners."

SITUATION IN THE EAST

German Public is Looking for Other Victories to Follow Lodz.

Berlin, Dec. 10 (by Wireless to London).—The following statement on the situation in the East was issued today by the official press bureau:

"The laconic description of the general staff of the victory at Lodz as a thorough success raises expectations of more important subsequent results. Owing to the proximity of Lodz to the railway connecting Czenstochowa and Warsaw, it is expected that General von Hindenburg will obtain complete possession of the railroad, thus compelling the Russian forces operating to the east of Czenstochowa to retreat in the direction of Ivangorod, which might lead to irreparable disaster for the Russian army.

"The Austrian official bulletin issued

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CHURCH TO STUDY ANTI-ALIEN ISSUE

Sends Men to California and to Japan on Mission.

SYMPATHY TO EUROPE

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in Session at Richmond Will Try to Create Better Feeling Toward Japan.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—By a rising vote the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, now in session here, today extended the sympathy of the council to all Christian churches in the countries of Europe which are at war and hoped for the early conclusion of peace.

Today's sessions were largely taken up with committee reports reviewing the work of the council during the past year. Through the commission on relations with Japan, it was announced that Prof. Shaler Mathews, of the University of Chicago, and Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of New York, had been authorized to proceed to the Pacific coast, there to make a study of the anti-alien sentiment, thence to go to Japan for the further purpose of fostering more cordial relations between that country and the United States.

Japan Not Satisfied.

"It is increasingly clear that we have entered upon this work none too soon," says the report. "The publication in June of the official correspondence between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Viscount Chinda has by no means satisfied the Japanese people that we are meeting the issue. The suspicious attitude of a section of the American press toward Japan at the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Germany tends to arouse antipathy in Japan towards America. Additional anti-Japanese legislation is contemplated. So delicate has the situation become that Christian leaders in California are in doubt as to what should be done. The sensational utterances of a jingo press are utilized by the equally jingo press of Japan to foment suspicion and ill will, while our own press engenders the same feeling in our own land. Psychological conditions both in Japan and America are approaching a state in which some startling but really trivial event might easily bring a series of deplorable consequences."

Gompers Makes Speech.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor addressing the council on the anti-alien legislation, expressed the hope that the California difficulty might be settled in a manner both pleasing to Japan and satisfactory to organized labor of this country.

The work of the committee on the Panama-Pacific exposition was endorsed. Memorials have been sent to the mayor of San Francisco and the exposition authorities, praying that a high moral tone be maintained throughout the exposition. Preparations have been made by the council for extensive social service work during that time.

The council will adjourn tomorrow at noon. The next annual meeting it is expected, will be held in Los Angeles.

The executive committee passed a resolution tonight advocating old age pensions for all Federal employees, on recommendation of the commission on social service.

Dr. Shaller Mathews made an address explaining what he believed his mission and that of Dr. Gulick to Japan was. He said:

"I have just come from Washington. Dr. Gulick and I spent all the day with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and the Japanese ambassador. All three showed the greatest interest and approval in our proposed visit. For some time there has been a discussion among us as to whether the present time is opportune for this visit on account of the European crisis. We finally came to the conclusion that this was just the time to carry to Japan a message from the Christian Churches."

A commission of nine, headed by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of St. Louis, Mo., was appointed to draft a message from the churches of America to the churches of Japan, to be carried by Dr. Mathews and Dr. Gulick.

Japan is Suspicious.

Dr. Sydney L. Gulick, of the commission on relations with Japan, who is connected with the Doshisha university at Tokio here to attend the Federal council of the churches of Christ in America, in an authorized statement today declared that "the views of President Wilson in his annual message on the subject of preparedness will be received with suspicion and distrust by Japan.

"President Wilson," he said, "practically agrees that we need a strong navy. Japan will think that we want a strong navy for the purpose of dominating the oceans. She knows that we will never transport troops over the Pacific to attack her.

"It is well understood in Japan that Germany hoped for a war between Japan and our country, in which Japan would be weakened. That was part of the German war policy—to foment a Japanese-United States war in which the latter would be used as a cat's paw for Germany. Now, while Japan is rejoicing over the capture of Kiao Chow and saying that Germany will never again get a hold in the Far East, we are raising this cry for greater preparedness. The President speaks of our Pacific intentions, but he talks about young men being trained in the use of military weapons and uses such expressions as 'we must be prepared to defend ourselves,' but it is just exactly a strong navy that will cause suspicion of us and our plans, and this is particularly true of the Far East. Japan cannot but ask the question as to what our purpose is, having been taught as she has been for some time past to interpret all our actions from the standpoint of suspicion and dis-

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HOUSE DEBATES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

While Secretary Daniels Testifies Before Committee.

ALL-DAY EXAMINATION

Secretary of the Navy Explains to the House Naval Affairs Committee That Two Battleships a Year is a Plenty.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Military preparedness of the nation was again the dominant subject of congressional attention today. Secretary Daniels, before the House Naval committee, defended his two battleships a year construction programme and declared the sentiment of the people of the United States opposed to turning the country into a great military power. Meantime a free for all national defense debate occupied the House itself.

Mr. Daniels, during an all-day examination said this country already had a powerful navy and that while "with abundant revenues" he might favor the general board's four battleship plan, he thought the two battleship programme adequate. Pressed for an opinion as to the world military situation at the close of the European war, the secretary suggested an international conference on armament.

"When the war is over," he said, "these countries will be so exhausted in their resources and burdened with debt that there will be a great revulsion against war. I expect the revulsion will be so great that we will have an international conference on armament—more possible now than ever before—and that we will get some action by which the navies of the world powers will be used only to carry into execution the agreements the countries reach."

Debate in the House.

Representative Gardner precipitated the military discussion on the House floor with a speech criticising the administration for "laying the cold hand of death" on his proposal for special investigation of military and naval conditions. He assailed the rules committee for refusal to grant him a hearing, and the naval and military committees for failure to summon before them former cabinet officials and other witnesses he wanted examined.

"If war were to break out today," said Mr. Gardner, "it would be found our coast defenses have not sufficient ammunition for an hour's fighting."

Representative Fitzgerald, of New York replied briefly, and promised to make a complete statement later which would make "notoriety seeking ex-secretaries" less anxious to discuss the national defense. Representative Dies, of Texas, ridiculed the thought of impending danger of attack. Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, charged the "war propaganda" to the manufacturers of war material. Representative Prouty, of Iowa, pleaded for international disarmament, arbitration and an international police, declared a force of trained squirrel shooters could prevent the landing of a hostile force on American soil.

Today's discussion seemed to threaten a prolonged general debate.

In the Senate Today.

In the Senate tomorrow the military situation will be discussed by Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts. Secretary Daniels will continue his statement before the House committee.

Mr. Daniels was cross questioned sharply by the committee members today regarding the difference between his views and those of the general board, whose four battleship plan contemplates completion of a fleet of 48 battleships by 1919.

The Secretary said the board had recommended an annual increase of two battleships until Congress appropriated for only one, and then the board changed to a four battleship programme. There are now 40 battleships built, building and authorized, he said, adding that with authorization of two ships a year in 1915, 1916, and 1917, "we would be only two ships behind that original programme."

Chairman Padgett said the General Board in 1908 recommended four battleships when "we were only two battleships behind the programme and they have kept the four programme since. The board says it has consistently adhered to the programme they inaugurated in 1903. They have not done so."

"Their idea of four battleships was to get 48 by 1919," explained the Secretary.

Confidence in Board.

"You have confidence in the general board?" asked Mr. Roberts.

"I have great confidence in the board."

"Have we all the 'mother ships' (tenders) on hand or authorized, necessary for the 59 submarines, built, building or authorized?"

The Secretary said no, but that enough could be improvised. "In the need of other things," he said, "we can get along without putting any more money in 'mother ships'. It is not expected or contemplated to use all the submarines at one time."

Thirty submarines are completed. With three oil tank ships altogether the navy, he thought, would get along very well. When the Atlantic fleet went to Mexico, Mr. Daniels said, he found it easy to buy and improvise a hospital ship in three weeks.

"My theory," said he, "is that we should put all the money available for construction into our fighting ships, and not auxiliaries."

Secretary Daniels said submarines presented a great problem; there had been much trouble over engines and batteries. He asked the committee to authorize $100,000 for a battery from Thomas A. Edison, which, he said, if it did the work Mr. Edison thought it would do, would solve the whole submarine problem.

Hard to Construct.

Mr. Daniels declared the building of submarines was most difficult, and that

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MEXICAN FACTIONS ARE WARNED BY U.S.

That Firing Across Border Must Cease at Once

OR FORCE WILL BE USED

American Government is Determined That Injury to Americans and Damage to Property Must Stop Immediately.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States has served formal notice on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless they prevent their troops firing across the American boundary, such forces will be employed by this country as is necessary to protect American territory.

In the most threatening expression from the Washington Gooverment since diplomatic correspondence with General Huerta before the occupation of Vera Cruz, the chiefs of the two factions opposing each other at Naco, across from the Arizona town of the same name, were warned that firing across the line must cease.

The messages were to be conveyed by American Consul Canada to General Carranza at Vera Cruz, and by American Consul Silliman to General Gutierrez at Mexico City. They left here late last night, and answers are not expected before tomorrow.

The peremptory tone of the communications did not become generally known until tonight, although the sending of field artillery to Naco was explained previously as meaning that the Mexican forces would be shelled out of their positions and driven several miles from the line if firing into the United States continued.

Several Have Been Killed.

The messages pointed out that several Americans have died of wounds received from bullets fired from Mexican territory and that the United States had appealed in vain to Generals Maytorena and Hill, commanding opposing forces at Naco.

The Washington government stated that it now turned to the respective chiefs to whom the contending generals are supposed to owe allegiance, asking that they be warned immediately against further violations of American rights. If the chiefs cannot end the reckless firing the United States government pointed out unequivocally that its duty will be to protect American lives by force.

The American government made it clear incidentally that it had no idea of invading Mexican territory or interfering with the right of the Mexican people to settle their own disputes.

Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, lately named assistant chief of staff of the army, is in personal charge at Naco with three batteries of field artillery and 11 troops of cavalry.

The general belief here is that it will not be necessary to use force, as it is understood proposals are being exchanged between Maytorena and Hill whereby the contending columns are to retire a fixed distance from the border, creating virtually a neutral zone.

The Naco affair will constitute a precedent for the United States government in future. No further firing across the line will be tolerated according to the decision of President Wilson and his cabinet.

BLISS REACHES NACO.

And Comes Perilously Near Being Struck by Mexican Bullet.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 10.—Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, who arrived here today to take charge of American troops guarding the border, made his first examination of the situation under fire. Two bullets fired in the battle on the Mexican side of the boundary passed perilously near the general and his staff, as he was examining a bomb proof armory near the immigration station, about 100 feet north of the international line.

Soldiers guarding the immigration station are protected by three bomb proofs and by a line of loaded coal cars drawn up between the American town and the border, but a break in the line of cars had been left to permit access to the border. General Bliss was near this break when the bullets whistled through.

Scores of bullets fell on American territory today. The American town is less than a quarter of a mile wide and scarcely a building has escaped being struck.

Messages received tonight indicated that the three batteries of United States artillery would arrive from El Paso tomorrow.

MAY INCREASE FARES

Isle of Palms Railway to Raise Passenger Rates.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 10.—Following the hearing of several days ago, the railroad commission at its meeting yesterday issued an order allowing the Charleston and Isle of Palms railway to increase its passenger rate from 30 to 40 cents between Charleston and the Isle of Palms. The new rate will become effective December 24.

The commission will today hold a hearing on new data submitted in the Augusta-Aiken rate case.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

According to Austrian Report—Everything Quiet in Poland.

Vienna, (via London), Dec. 10.—The following official report was made public today:

"In Poland yesterday everything was calm along the entire front.

"Night attacks by the Russians in the district southwest of Novo Radomsk were repulsed.

"In West Galicia strong forces on both sides were active and we have thus far captured 10,000 Russians. The battle continues today.

"Our operations in the Carpathians have resulted in the retaking of considerable parts of our own territory."

ANNIHILATION OF GERMAN PACIFIC FLEET IS ALMOST COMPLETE IS LATEST NEWS

CHARLOTTE GETS NEXT CONVENTION

The Baptist Encampment at Wrightsville Next Summer.

DR. CREE IS HEARD

Atlanta Preacher Addresses State Convention in Raleigh—Dr. Vines and Other Speakers Heard at Yesterday's Session.

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—In 1915 the Baptist State Convention will meet in Charlotte. The invitation from the Baptist churches of that city was accepted unanimously today. The annual sermon next year will be preached by Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, of Raleigh, with Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, as alternate.

Following the reading of the report on State Missions this morning, Rev. B. Craig, Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., and Judge J. A. Oates addressed the convention. Rev. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte, spoke on woman's work and tonight Rev. Arch E. Cree, of Atlanta, Ga., spoke on home missions.

Summer Encampment.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, of Wilmington, for the special committee, reported today that financial arrangements have been made for a Baptist encampment at Wrightsville Beach in the summer of 1915.

The use of an auditorium has been secured and special concessions are offered by hotels, boarding houses, and the Tidewater Power Company. The committee of the convention to continue the arrangements consists of J. H. Foster, J. A. Oates, E. L. Middleton, C. J. Hunter and J. L. Hurt.

Field Secretary B. Craig reports that North Carolina lacks $20,000 of having raised the totnl amount apportioned to this state for the Judson Centennial Memorial fund.

The convention was the guest of Meredith college at a recital this afternoon and the short visit to the institution was a source of much pleasure to the messengers. In addition a number of those attending the convention visited the home economics department in response to the suggestion of the president, Dr. Vann.

The Thomasville Orphanage.

Possibly no feature of the work of the Baptists of North Carolina comes closer to the heart of the denomination than the work being accomplished at the Thomasville orphanage. General Manager M. L. Kesler read the report of the board of trustees and in this report advised the convention of the results of the year.

The number of children in the home at this time is 470, making a grand total of 1558 received since the beginning of the work. During the year there has been good health and no deaths in the orphanage family. Many improvements have been made in the plant. To the school department a tenth grade has been added; three school rooms have been added to the buildings and the other rooms have been improved. The auditorium is now under roof and a steam heating plant has been installed for the school building and the church auditorium. It has been a year of enlargement. The Kennedy Memorial home, in Lenoir county, was formally opened September 15 with 53 children and two dormitories have been erected there, a sewerage has been installed and forty acres of land between the home and the road has been purchased.

The work of enlargement has been continued at the parent plant, at Thomasville. The Miles Durham Nursery building has been completed and is ready for the 25 children, making a total of 75 children taken in the institution in nine months.

The indebtedness, chiefly for buildings, and a part of which is to be cancelled when the conditions are ripe for the sale of land held by the institution, amounts to $15,000. The current expenses are met by the contributions of the Baptist Sunday schools, supplemented by the one offering made Thanksgiving day by Baptist churches. The Thanksgiving offering this year will probably amount to $12,000.

Charity and Children is growing in influence and in circulation. The report shows a total circulation of about 18,000 and a steady enlargement of the list.

Mr. Fuller B. Hamrick has been elected as treasurer in the stead of Mr. S. H. Averitt, who recently resigned after 15 years' service.

The great need before the orphanage just at this time is some adequate arrangement for the higher education and training of those who finish the school work at the institution.

Following the reading of the report, Rev. C. B. Waller, D. D., of Asheville, spoke to the report, discussing the importance of the child. A most inspirational address, set along higher lines and with the appeal to the value of the child and the importance of a realization of this value to the home, the community and the State.

Committees Appointed.

President Durham announced the following committees:

State missions: W. M. Gilmore, J. W. Downey, J. W. Suttle, T. J. Deitz, J. R. Stroud, B. G. Erley, J. E. Copeland.

Biblicale Recorder: L. W. Swope, M. P. Davis, W. S. Olive, Clarence A. Smith, W. E. Goode, J. R. Owens, H. W. Baucom.

Home missions: W. H. Reddish, Geo. J. Dowell, W. R. Beach, R. N. Butler, J. C. Owen, K. C. Horner, W. O. Biggs.

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Only One Cruiser in Squadron Escapes, and She is Reported Bottled Up.

NURNBERG RUN DOWN AND SENT TO BOTTOM

Dresden Now Cornered in the Straits of Magellan.

Engagement in South Atlantic Most Disastrous to German Naval Forces in Western Waters—Insurance Rates Lowered.

London, Dec. 10.—The German cruiser Nurnberg, which withdrew from the battle off the Falkland Islands last Tuesday and attempted to escape in company with the cruiser Dresden, while the British warships under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee were sinking the cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig, was hunted across the waters by units of the British fleet and sunk the same day.

This information was contained in a statement of the British official press bureau made public today. The statement added that search for the Dresden was still proceeding.

Although the official press bureau says the British men of war are still seeking for the last one of Admiral Von Spee's vessels, unofficial reports received in Buenos Ayres say the Dresden has been cornered in the torturous Straits of Magellan. Whether these reports are true or not it is believed in admiralty circles here that the Dresden, even though she is somewhat faster than any of those sunk in Tuesday's battle, eventually will be brought into action.

The battle in which the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig were sent to the bottom, according to an Admiralty report, lasted five hours with intervals. The Scharnhorst sank in three hours and the Gneisenau two hours later. No loss of any British vessel has been reported by the admiralty.

Insurance Rates Lowered.

The destruction of a majority of the ships of the German squadron had an immediate effect on insurance rates, and the government rate for insurance of cargoes against war risk was reduced immediately from two guineas to one and one-half guineas per cent. One member of Lloyds who recently has not been accepting any business resumed operations.

The impression prevails among naval men that Admiral Von Spee, realizing that he could no longer keep out of touch with the British and Japanese fleets patrolling the Pacific, decided to enter the Atlantic and make a run for home, hoping that at least some of his ships would get past the British. This move, it is said was anticipated by the admiralty and Vice Admiral Sturdee was sent south to head off the Germans before they could get well into the Atlantic and scatter, which would have made their capture more difficult.

The text of the official bureau statement reads:

"A further telegram has been received from Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee reporting that the Nurnberg was also sunk on December 8 and that the search for the Dresden is still proceeding.

"The action lasted for five hours with intervals. The Scharnhorst sank after three hours and the Gneisenau two hours later. The enemy's light cruisers scattered and were chased by our cruisers and light cruisers.

"No loss of any British cruiser is reported."

GERMANY ADMITS LOSS

Admiralty Report Reproduces British Official Statement as to Battle.

Berlin (via London), Dec. 10.—An official communication issued by the admiralty today reproduces the statement of the British admiralty regarding the sinking of the German cruisers off the Falkland Islands, and adds:

"Our losses seem to have been great. Concerning the strength of the enemy whose losses are reported to be small the English despatches say nothing."

DRESDEN IS CORNERED

Only German Cruiser to Escape Battle Now in Straits of Magellan.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 10.—The German cruiser Dresden, the only warship of Admiral Count Von Spee's squadron to escape after the battle with the British squadron under command of Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, according to advices obtained through well informed circles today.

The naval division commandered by Admiral Sturdee is understood to include nine warships, notably the British battle cruisers Lion and Indefatigable.

THIRD CRUISER ENDANGERED.

German Auxiliary Cruiser in South Atlantic Waters Also is Report.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 10.—Wireless reports received here indicate that the German cruisers Dresden and Nurnberg, the survivors in the engagement with an English fleet December 8th in which the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipsig were sunk, closely pursued by British warships, are fleeing in the direction of Port Santa Cruz, on the Argentine coast, north of the Atlantic entrance to the Straits of Magellan and west of the Falkland Islands.

It is reported here also that the German auxiliary cruiser Prince Eitel is cruising in the South Atlantic and that she has on board 1,500 soldiers.

WANTS CONGRESS TO UNLEASH HIM

Gregory Urges Amendment to "Commodities Clause"

FILES ANNUAL REPORT

Attorney General Recommends Amendment That Will Enable Department to Reach "Hard Coal Combination."

Washington, Dec. 10.—Attorney General Gregory made his first report to Congress today as head of the Department of Justice He recommended several amendments to existing laws and gave a comprehensive review of the work of the department for the fiscal year. His principal recommendation was for an amendment to the commodities clause of the Interstate Commerce act designed to block the way of any common carrier which seeks to transport products over its lines in which it has any interest whatsoever.

In asking for such legislation the Attorney General referred to the difficulty the department has encountered in attempting to break up what is known as the "hard coal combination" controlling a large part of the anthracite fields in Eastern Pennsylvania. He told Congress that railroads in that field have met recent Supreme court decisions, interpreting the commodities clause, by the organization of corporations whose stock is distributed ratably among stockholders of the railroad, with its management dominated by the railroad. To such a corporation, he says, the railroad in question sells coal at the mines under a contract which puts the new corporation "largely, if not completely, within the power of the railroad." This plan has been challenged by the government.

"I recommend," wrote Mr. Gregory, "an amendment which will prohibit a railroad from transporting in interstate commerce articles which it manufactured or produced, or which were manufactured or produced by any corporation controlled by it or affiliated with it by having the same controlling stockholders, irrespective of whether such railroad or such controlled affiliated corporation has an interest in the articles at the time of transportation. It is also necessary if transportation and production are to be completely divorced, that Congress prohibit any railroad owned or controlled by a producing or trading corporation and not operated merely as a plant facility, from transporting in interstate commerce articles produced or owned by such corporation."

Other recommendations include: An amendment making it a "federal crime" to kill an officer of the United States engaged in serving or executing process, and authority for the use of search warrants in advertising fraud cases which rely on the mails to attract victims.

"Documentary evidence," says the report, "only procurable by search, is almost indispensable to convict these swindlers and protect their victims."

As the law now stands, Mr. Gregory points out, no authority exists to recover property used for criminal purposes, save on specific condition under customs, revenue, Indian liquor, fishery, interstate commerce transportation and obscene literature cases.

Attorney General Gregory recommends that the power of federal grand juries be enlarged so that they can investigate crimes committed in any division of a federal district. He suggests also that an amendment to existing law is needed whereby a federal judge in whose court an indictment is returned, may consider testimony before the grand jury and enter an order making the warrant run to all parts of the federal territory.

"Under the prevailing practice," says the report, "offenders against uniform laws while living within the borders of the United States frequently gain practical immunity from punishment. The federal laws apply to every part of the United States and the procedure to secure the punishment of an offense and the presence of the offender before the court should be as far-reaching as the law declaring the offense. It is oftentimes more difficult and expansive to compel an accused person who lives in a State other than the offense is committed to respond to an accusation than it is to secure extradition from a foreign country."

Amendments of a minor nature are suggested also to the food and drugs act, the insecticide act, the twenty-eight hour law and the bankruptcy law. Mr. Gregory renewed the recommendations of the former attorney general that when a federal judge of any court below the Supreme court reaches the age of 70 and after ten years' service, refused to retire, the President be authorized to appoint another judge to preside over the affairs of that court and have precedence over the older judge.

The attorney general recites at length the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act during the last fiscal year. Speaking of the negotiations with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, he informed Congress that the Department while intent upon enforcing that law" realized that it must proceed so as to cause the least embarrassment to investors and to the unsettled industries of New England.

"In accordance with that policy," the report explains, "the request of the new management of the New Haven company, to enter into negotiations with a view to bringing about, without a protracted and necessarily unsettling contest, a dissolution of the unlawful monopoly, was granted. In the meantime the department sought to avoid any action that might hinder in any way the accomplishment of that end so important to the people of New England, but the criminal aspects of the case were kept constantly in mind and care was taken to do nothing which might interfere with proper prosecutions at the appropriate time."

The department's bureau of investigation investigated during the year white slave cases in which 435 indictments were secured, with 357 convictions, 53 acquittals and 46 discontinuances. During the preceding year there were 332 indictments and 266 convictions. The bureau investigated on the average 41 complaints of violation of the anti-trust act each month, compared with 36 last year.

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SEABOARD MEDICAL MEN AT GOLDSBORO ADJOURN

Elect Officers and Select Norfolk for Next Meeting

Association Hears Interesting Address by Dr. W. P. Rodman, Who Says If Cancer be Removed in Time It Never Returns.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 10.—The Seaboard Medical Association concluded its programme this afternoon with the election of officers as follows: President, Dr. Israel Brown, of Norfolk; first vice president, Dr. C. F. Griffin, of Winton, N. C.; second vice president, Dr. B. R. Kennon, of Norfolk; third vice president, Dr. J. R. Parker, of Galesville, N. C.; fourth vice president, Dr. John Winston, of Norfolk.

Dr. C. P. Jones, of Newport News, was re-elected secretary, and Dr. Geo. A. Caton, of Newbern, was re-elected treasurer. Norfolk was selected as the next annual meeting place.

The association convened in 19th annual session in this city Tuesday night, in the new court house, and concluded its deliberations, interspersed with social features this evening.

Tuesday night's meeting was more or less social, composed of an opening prayer by Rev. Dr. J. E. Underwood; an address of welcome by Col. Joe E. Robinson, responded to eloquently by Dr. M. Bolton, of Rich Square, N. C.

Dr. Theo. L. Ginn presided at the opening exercises, and in due course called upon Dr. Cyrus Thompson to present the president of the association, Dr. J. Raney Parker, for the reading of his annual address. After thanking Dr. Thompson for his cordial words, Dr. Parker delivered his practical address, but first welcomed the distinguished visitors to the city.

Dr. W. P. Rodman, of Philadelphia, president-elect of the American Medical Association, gave a very interesting and forceful talk last night on Cancer.

Although Dr. Rodman came here prepared to lecture to a professional audience, he handled the delicate subject admirably well, before an audience composed largely of laymen. His remarks were full of hope for the sufferer from cancer provided early steps were taken for its surgical removal.

Dr. Rodman stated that cancer enjoyed the distinction of being second to tuberculosis in the number of deaths caused in the human family. Campaigns have been waged against tuberculosis and they have done a great deal of good and many persons have been saved. Cancer can always be cured if the proper measures are taken at the proper time.

In 1867 Moore, of England, demonstrated that cancer was strictly a local disease. In the early stage there are no constitutional symptoms. Pathologists will tell you that if a section is cut through a cancerous growth, the center will show typical cancer cells, which diminish in number as the outer edge of the cancer is reached. If a cancer is thoroughly removed in time it never comes back again.

Dr. Rodman was followed by an impromptu, brief, beautiful, practical and forceful talk by Dr. J. A. Hodges, of Richmond, who stressed the danger of too hurried and too premature education of childhood—over work of their young minds to the neglect of their essential physical development.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: J. H. Hinton and wife to W. D. Polite, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east line of Thirteenth, 132 feet north of Orange street, 33 by 90 feet in size; Charles Michaelis to Edward McLoughlin, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west line of Second, 99 feet south of Marstellar street, 33 by 165 feet in size; W. B. Newkirk and wife to S. W. Newkirk, for $1 and other considerations, lot on east line of Second, 132 feet north of Grace street, 66 by 165 feet in size.

SPORTS

MANY STARS EXPECTED IN STRANGE UNIFORMS

General Shake Up in National League Predicted

Dooin May be With the Giants—Johnson Continues Efforts to Sell New York Club—Richmond Likely to Get Franchise.

New York, Dec. 10.—The National League of Professional Baseball Clubs closed its annual meeting here today. Little business of importance was accomplished although a number of subjects were discussed before being laid over for the schedule meeting in February. No action was taken on the proposal to increase the world's series games from seven to nine or eleven and no mention was made of Charles W. Murphy and his connection with the Chicago club.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, it was understood, continued his efforts today to complete the sale of the New York Americans to Col. Jacob Ruppert. Early in the day Johnson said he hoped to complete the deal soon.

While the National League officially closed its session, managers of the various clubs tonight were still endeavoring to strengthen their teams by sales or purchases. Conferences were held which involved the playing future of several stars. It was generally believed Charles Dooin would join the Giants next spring, while the Phillies would obtain the services of several Giants in the trade.

Charles Herzog finally arranged with Garry Herrman to continue as manager of the Cincinnati club for another two years.

International League club owners will meet again tomorrow. It was reported that no further progress in the re-construction of the circuit could be made until reports from various leagues involved were received. It appeared to be the consensus of opinion, however, that Syracuse, N. Y., and Richmond, Va., would replace Jersey City and Baltimore.

TWO BASKETBALL GAMES AT Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT.

Woolen Mills Against Jacobi and Baxter Against Elvington & Mintz.

Two fast games of basketball are promised for the second week of the Y. M. C. A. Commercial League season at the Association gym. tonight, the first being when the National Woolen Mills clashes with the league leaders, the Jacobi's. Jacobi will rattle hard to retain their lead and the Mills will do all in their power to leave their berth in the cellar.

The second game will be between Baxter's and Elvington & Mintz, and promises to be fast and spectacular. Westbrook and his bunch with big Flittyaw at center, will do their level best to humble the Baxter bunch. At present the Baxters are tied with Jacobi for the top.

There is no charge for the games, everybody being invited to attend and witness them. The first game starts at 8:30, and there will be plenty of seats for all.

WILL ASK FOR $175,000

Central Hospital Authorities Plan to Appeal to Legislature for New Buildings.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—Superintendent Albert Anderson and the directors of the Central Hospital for Insane here today announced their purpose to ask the next Legislature for $175,000 for new buildings, especially a receiving building where new patients will be cared for while their cases are being observed for conclusion as to treatment, a special building for nurses' home and an amusement hall to seat 1,000 people; also an increase in maintenance fund which was made $182,000 by the last Legislature.

Investigations Wanted.

The Wake county grand jury recommends that the grand jury of the next term especially investigate conditions that appear to be that County Superintendent of Schools Z. V. Judd is receiving $2,000 salary and also a salary as a professor of the State University, attending to his Wake school duties by proxy, and that he was paid his Wake salary while taking a special course in Columbia University.

The grand jury also recommends removal of W. L. Wiggs as road superintendent for failure to keep roads in proper condition.

CLAIM AND DELIVERY FOR TRACK.

Town Creek Lumber Company Has Trouble With Landowner.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Bolivia, N. C., Dec. 10.—Having been forbidden under penalty of personal ejection if further progress was made as to the removal of certain rails of the Town Creek Lumber Co., over the lands of T. F. Willets, near here yesterday, officers of the lumber company today instituted claim and delivery proceedings for the property alleged to belong to them and the track was removed today under the supervision of the sheriff of the county.

Trouble between the land owner and the lumber people arose over the construction of certain contracts and leases that will doubtless be aired in the courts later, the lumber company alleging that it has been unlawfully obstructed in getting its rolling stock over the line safely for the taking up of the track since the controversy arose and that the lives and limbs of their workmen have been endangered by the obstructive methods employed.

GONE TO ROCHESTER, MINN.

Mr. J. W. Aycock, Banker, Goes to Consult Famed Specialists.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 10.—Mr. J. W. Aycock, cashier of the Planters' National bank, of this city, and one of the leading bankers of Eastern North Carolina, accompanied by his physician, Dr. L. W. Kornegay, a surgeon at the Rocky Mount sanitarium, has gone to Rochester, Minn., where Mr. Aycock will undergo treatment and possibly an operation in the hospitals of the famous Mayo Brothers. Mr. Aycock's health has not been the best since he underwent an operation here several months ago, and in making the trip to Rochester, he hopes to find relief in the treatment of the doctors and physicians whose reputation is known over the world.

FRANK SPRUILL IN HOSPITAL

Coast Line Attorney Undergoes Operation for Appendicitis.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 10.—Atlantic Coast Line District Attorney F. S. Spruill is in a Richmond hospital following an operation this week for appendicitis. Mr. Spruill, who is one of the most prominent attorneys in this section of the State, entered the Richmond hospital on Sunday following some months of inconvenience and suffering with the disease. Friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Spruill on Monday stood the operation well and a report received by his family today indicates that with no unlooked for complications he will be able to return to his home within the next few weeks.

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REPORT LACONIC IN RECOMMENDATIONS

Interstate Commerce Commission Brief and Pointed

WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Wants Laws to Control Railway Capitalization; Compulsory Use of Steel Cars in Passenger Service—Other Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 10.—In its annual report to Congress today the Interstate Commerce Commission makes these principal recommendations:

Laws to control railway capitalization.

Compulsory use of steel cars in passenger trains and prohibition of the use of wooden cars between or ahead of steel ones.

Definite penalties for violation of the hours of service act.

Laws to make explicit and certain the authority of the commission to examine all documents and records of railroads.

To definitely fix one period—preferably three years—in which legal actions may be started relating to transportation charges.

All the commission's recommendations are made in extraordinarily brief form and without discussion.

Otherwise, the commission's report is a chronological review of its work of the year.

The work of physical valuation of railroads is well under way. With the coming of winter, the field parties are being transferred from Northern roads to those in the South. There are now eight parties at work surveying about 1,500 miles a month. The number of parties will be increased on January 1 to about 20 for each of the five districts.

At some length, the commission reviews its investigation of accidents. Collisions caused by improper flagging continue to be a prominent feature of those investigations, the report says, and cases of inexperienced men have been found. The number of collisions due to enginemen failing to regard block signals has decreased.

"The inherent weakness of the train order system continues to manifest itself as a prominent feature of the accident record," says the report, calling attention to the need of legislation to make standard operating rules.

The general movement among the commission dismisses freight rates, the commission dismisses with a brief review of the proceedings of the Eastern advance case which it decided last August, and which is now again awaiting a supplementary decision.

Various decisions of the commission carried to the Supreme Court are discussed in some detail with reference to their application to interstate traffic.

COLORED MASONS ADJOURN

Forty-fifth Annual Communication Was Best in History of North Carolina Grand Lodge.

(By George F. King.)

The 45th annual communication of the M. W. G. Lodge of F. and A. A. Masons of the jurisdiction of North Carolina, which has been in session since Tuesday, closed last night with the record of being the best in the annals of the fraternity. The deliberations of this representative body of Afro-Americans emphasized the fact that it is a force of good.

Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Masons made a splendid showing in their parade, which concluded at St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion church, where the grand oration was delivered by Dr. J. A. Bonner, of this city. I. H. Smith, of Newbern, was master of ceremonies.

Dr. Bonner's subject was "The Real Mason." He was eloquent and effective in reaching his audience and in emphasizing some pertinent phases of his subject he exlaimed: "Finding a man, Masonry straightway begins to impress his heart, enrich his mind, enoble his nature, increase his usefulness, fortify his honor and make him such a person of wisdom, strength and beauty that he becomes an object of delight to men on earth and to angels in glory. Every man is not a Mason, but every real Mason is a man. A man in the highest, deepest, broadest sense of that word. A man who wants to be right and is willing to be tried by the square; who strives to do right and does not object to having the wall of his character tested by the plumb line of righteousness; who endeavors to live right so that the end he may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well spent life and die in the hope of a glorious immortality. Such a man, the world has believed the real Mason to be." He said that Masonry had been accorded the highest place in fraternal esteem and "it is the Mason that men invariably look to find the crowning virtues of humanity."

In continuing, he asserted that "In the church the real Mason has been and is a pillar of wisdom. Masonry is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligation to pay that rational homage to the Deity, which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness and it inspires us with the most exalted ideas of the Divine Creator. Masonry everywhere demands the recognition of God, to whom with all sincerity we humbly bow with reverence. Wherever the church of God has been established, there the true Mason has found a spiritual home and displayed wisdom in contriving ways by which the cause of righteous might be advanced and the kingdom of God extended in the earth.

"To be good and true are the first lessons taught in Masonry. This requires obedience to lawfully constituted authority, constant effort to conserve peace and loyalty to government. While actuated by these principles the true Mason is a law-abiding citizen, an active force in promoting good government and civic righteousness. Masonry promises not to interfere with the duty one owes his country, but earnestly admonishes every man to walk uprightly and dare do all that becomes a man, thus it is that the true Mason has ever been a pillar of strength supporting the national fabric and his hand has ever guided the ship of state. In the home he is a pillar of beauty adorning it with the virtues of a manly man—love, honor, temperance, industry, economy, and surmounting all, is the lilly work of purity. Jealous of the honor of his own house, the real Mason will not violate the honor of another home. The real Mason, by the righteous claims of his Masonic honor must ever be the outspoken advocate of chastity and the courageous champion of virtue."

COAL TRUST PROBE HAS BEEN RENEWED

Uncompleted Roads Owned by Southern Debt Producers

CONTROLS ALL PASSES

Mountain Passes Through Which Southern Coal Must Pass to Get to the Seaboard Controlled by Southern Railway.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Senate committee investigating charges that the Southern Railway had obtained control of projected but uncompleted railroads into the Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee coal fields, to aid the so-called coal trust in keeping this coal from the markets through ports south of Norfolk, today heard testimony tending to show that these uncompleted roads have been debt-producers ever since acquired.

Frank C. Wright, of Bristol, Tenn., testified only after a vigorous protest by Southern Railway counsel, who asserted it was an assault on the Southern's credit. Wright, it developed later, was employed by the committee itself several months ago to study the case.

Wright testified that the Atlantic & Danville Railroad during 14 years had produced a deficit of $931,000 for the Southern; the Danville & Western had netted a deficit of $61,000; the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley in 1913 showed a debit balance of $91,000; the Carolina & Northwestern for the year 1913, a $10,000 deficit; the Tallulah Falls, a $60,000 deficit for 1914, and the Knoxville & Bristol a deficit of $93,000 during Southern control.

Strenuous Objection.

When Wright reached reference to the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap & Louisville railroad, A. P. Thom, counsel for the Southern protested against the continuation of testimony as to the financial history of the roads.

"By showing the deficits, we show that the road has not been put to the proper use," replied Frank Lyon, attorney for independent coal operators in the Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky district.

The committee ruled Wright might testify as to the use of the road for transporting coal. He said that such high coal rates were charged over the line as to prohibit Appalachian coal moving to the seaboard.

Mr. Wright said in 1913 the Southern Railway rates on coal to the seaboard were 50 per cent higher than the average rates within the district in which the railway is located. Because of those rates, he contended in Southwestern Virginia, Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Tennessee, the independent operators found themselves practically bottled up for the marketing of their coal.

Controls Mountain Gateways.

"The Southern Railway controls every gateway across the mountains into the Appalachian coal fields," declared Mr. Lyon.

C. A. Douglas, counsel for B. L. Dulaney, characterized the attack upon Dulaney as one "because he dared to knock at the door of the Senate and ask for relief after flinging a charge against the Southern Railway."

The effect of the testimony, he said, was to show there was a discrimination in favor of Norfolk and ports north against ports south, which prevented Southern operators from bidding on coal for the navy.

HOUSE DEBATES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

(Continued From Page One.)

when they were built the seldom fulfilled promises made for them.

"Now," he said, "we have bought material and are beginning to build a submarine ourselves at the Portsmouth navy yard. I believe we have got to come to building them ourselves."

He said that at one time he had contemplated purchase of submarines in Germany and France with a view to finding out their methods.

Referring to the disappointments in submarine efficiency, the secretary reminded the committee that "out of 200 submarines that Germany and England together have, the world has heard of the achievements of only three.

Representative Hobson cited newspaper reports that England was building 15 capital ships for delivery in 1915, more than three times her average programme; Germany nine, several times more than her average, and that it still was uncertain whether the German fleet would engage the English or French fleets. Consequently, Mr. Hobson insisted, those nations would be much stronger after the war than now.

Secretary Daniels replied that he believed the revulsion against war after the present conflict would greatly alter that situation.

WILSON LEADS IN N. C. LEAF TOBACCO SALES

Record for November Beyond Five Million Pounds

Winston-Salem in Second, With Nearly Five Millions—R. H. Alford, Pardoned, Will Begin Life Anew. Former Bank Cashier.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—North Carolina leaf tobacco markets, 44 towns reporting sales, sold 44,206,824 pounds during November compared with 27,451,689 pounds sold during November, 1913. These figures include resales for dealers. The sales first hand for the growers the past month amounted to 37,996,472 pounds. While the reports to the State Department of Agriculture do not include the range of prices, the weed has commanded good prices on all the markets and the sales represent many hundreds of thousands of dollars put into circulation through the tobacco farmers.

The Wilson market led, the first hand sales being 5,767,309 pounds, with Winston-Salem second with 4,053,677 pounds. Others sales in their order follow:

Greenville, 3,769,791; Kinston, 3,257,763; Henderson, 1,912,543; Durham, 1,430,355; Oxford, 1,700,453; Rocky Mount, 1,169,005; Roxboro, 1,071,370; Fuquay Springs, 879,680; Louisburg, 915,857; Zebulon, 614,443; Youngsville, 818,420; Smithfield, 660,819; LaGrange, 601,555; Farmville, 658,318; Reidsville, 636,844; Apex, 567,698; Warrenton, 622,075; Warsaw, 508,817; Walnut Cove, 498,519; Williamston, 467,303; Snow Hill, 468,417; Washington, 454,181; Goldsboro, 378,207; Robersonville, 385,253; Burlington, 371,151; Mount Airy, 367,629; Spring Hope, 319,425; Mebane, 283,097; Wallace, 203,107; Madison, 241,552; Elkin, 229,465; Stoneville, 216,145; Newbern, 172,397; Wendell, 176,766; Greensboro, 174,164; Pilot Mountain, 173,487; Vanceboro, 176,355; Creedmoor, 143,282; Ayden, 141,753; Clinton, 130,933; Fayetteville, 92,062; Mount Olive, 36,480.

Total first hand sales all markets, 37,996,472; resold for dealers, 3,957,917; resold for warehouses, 2,252,435. Grand total all warehouse sales 44,206,824.

To Begin Life Anew.

R. H. Alford, former cashier of a bank at Kenly, received cordial farewell from Superintendent Mann, Warden Sales and others in authority at the State Prison this morning and passed out of the prison and stockade, a free man, determined to start life over again with his wife and children at Kenly, whose people have expressed confidence in him and urged upon Governor Craig that he be pardoned. He will spend a couple of days with his brother in this city to have his eyes treated by a specialist and then join his wife at Kenly, her health not being at all good.

Alford's sentence was five years and he has just finished two years' service with a model record, having proven, indeed, a most efficient man in the prison service. He joined his wife and children immediately on leaving the prison and goes with them to their home.

The governor's purpose in granting this pardon at the completion of two years' service was reported some time ago right after a big delegation of citizens of Kenly and friends in this city had been given a hearing in the interest of the pardon. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels was among those who put in special pleas for the pardon to be granted. In his statement of reasons for the pardon, the governor says that Alford turned over to the bank all his property and later gave himself up to officers voluntarily and that it was evident that he did not intend to defraud the bank, but was gradually involved in an irretrievable condition. Officers of the bank and those who lost through his shortage in accounts joined in urging that the pardon be granted.

A charter was issued today for the Chemical Construction Company, of Charlotte, capital $10,000 authorized and $300 subscribed by D. S. Monteith, T. C. Oliver and C. W. Tillett, Jr., for mercantile and chemical and drug manufacture and sale company.

There is an amendment for the charter of the George Marsh Company of Raleigh, decreasing the capital from $30,000 to $15,000.

Beckwith Re-Elected.

B. C. Beckwith was re-elected county attorney as the outcome of a tie-up that had been on for three days with the Wake county board of commissioners on this question with two commissioners each until now holding out respectively for Bart M. Gatling and J. Wilbur Bunn and one for Beckwith. The election of Beckwith is for an indefinite period and is taken by some to mean that the commissioners supporting Gatling have agreed to continue Beckwith in office until the Raleigh postoffice contest is settled. Gatling being in the three-cornered race for the postoffice as well as that for the county attorneyship.

CAUGHT LIVE DEER

Members of Train Crew Chase Animal Into Pond—Brought to City.

A pretty young fawn was captured by Messrs. B. S. Black and John Johnson, members of the crew of the Atlantic Coast Line local from Sanford to Wilmington, in a pond at Over Hills near Fayetteville yesterday. The railroad passes through the pond just before reaching the station and when the train came into the station yesterday the fawn and a buck deer passed across the track just in front of the engine. Mr. Black leaped off the train as soon as the opposite side of the pond was reached and waded and swam out into the pond for a distance of about 300 feet, catching the deer in deep water. Mr. Johnson came to his help and they were able to carry it to the shore alive.

The other members of the crew chased the buck but were unable to catch it. Old deer hunters know that it is easy to out swim a deer, and Mr. Black knowing this did not hesitate to go after the deer, feeling sure that he would catch it. The deer was brought to Wilmington.

LARGE NUMBER OF BIRTHS

Wilmington Health Statistics for Month of November.

Statistics of the New Hanover health office show that in November there were 75 births and 48 resident deaths. The total temporary death rate was 18.3 and the temporary birth rate was 32.5. The white death rate was 10.8 and the black was 26.8. The white birth rate was 36.3 and the black was 25.6. There were 41 white births and 34 colored. Thirty-five of the resident deaths over five years of age were white. Five non-resident persons, three of whom were white, died during the month.

There were 13 children, nine of whom were colored, under five years of age, who died during the month. The complete report will be submitted to the county board of health at the next meeting.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1914.

When a young man writes poetry to a girl she shows it to other girls to see them laugh.

We know two men who met up and opened a conversation but there wasn't a thing in it for either.

The Servians and Albanians are now joining the Belgians in asking for bread. This is only the beginning. Starvation may help to end the war in Europe.

An industrious girl will work all kinds of ways in order to work dad for a Christmas gift just about the size of what a yeggman can get out of an ordinary bank.

Even if Turkey were to issue a "Turkey red paper" to explain her position in this war, the allies would try to prove that Turkey's statement is colorless.

The price of diamonds has risen on account of the war in Europe, but in order to note a shrinkage in the real value of diamonds, soak them for about six months.

Louisiana wanted a thousand Belgian families and has sent an agent with money to Europe to get them. If any Belgians are coming to America it is pretty certain that their postoffice address will be in Louisiana.

We once knew a North Carolina editor who was working for whatever he could get, but when he was offered $1,000 for sawing wood it made him mad to think that anybody should dare to put him in the cheap skate class.

The Spartanburg Journal notes that a Greenville man was awarded $2,500 by a jury for the loss of two of his fingers. If he is a politician, however, he will still he able to poke his fingers in the eyes of a large number of voters around Greenville.

A healthy adult breathes from 14 to 20 times a minute, so the Jacksonville Times Union announces. Of course, that is when he is normal and quiet. When, however, he runs a foot race with a cop for several blocks he breathes so rapidly that we call it panting.

A law authority has recently written an article for one of America's great financial papers, in which he discusses the legal rights of women. Sometimes women are liable to think that they have no legal rights. Women sometimes undergo severe punishment which no one would think of inflicting on men equally guilty.

A Providence millionaire, aged 65, has been writing poetry to a Miss Cope, whose age is 35. It is surprising to know that a man of his age would write poetry to anybody but a college girl. A thirty-fiver is liable to think that poetry means business. As a matter of fact, that is the way Miss Cope looked at it, so she is sueing for breach of promise, seeking damages in such goodly amount as a rich man is fully able to pay. It's surely tough on a man when he has to pay for writing poetry instead of getting money for it like North Carolina poets. All poetry intended for a girl of 35 summers should never be signed.

Doubtless naval and army officers have told Congressman Gardner that this country is totally unprepared for war. Otherwise the Congressman is talking of something he knows nothing about. In any event, the War and Navy Departments would prefer to get their information from the officers. In fact, the officers have to be depended upon for knowing more about it than others, and if the army and navy is lacking it is probably because the officers have failed to point out the military needs of the country and ask that they be supplied. If they have asked and been refused the blame is not theirs. We fancy, however, that the army and navy men are talking too much to the wrong people.

FINANCING COTTON EXPORTS.

According to the New York Journal of Commerce, the bankers of New York have found a big advantage in the new banking law in addition to all that has been claimed for it in a general way. It is said that a new method of financing exports of American cotton has developed as a result of the war in Europe, but it is the Reserve Bank system that enables the method to be carried out. If the new method of financing cotton shipments to foreign countries is adopted, it means that the South's cotton crop will be directly beneficial to the financial institutions of the great money centers of this country. The Journal of Commerce explains it in this way:

"While formerly, payments were made almost exclusively through foreign banking institutions, located in London, Paris, Berlin, etc., where there exist broad discount markets for commercial paper, the growing practice now is to confine the financing operations to American banks and bankers, principally those located in New York City. No complete change has taken place, but the tendency to finance cotton exports under new method is becoming more pronounced, according to local foreign exchange bankers. The new national and State banking laws, permitting acceptances, and the facilities offered by the Federal Reserve Bank for rediscounting drafts, bills of exchange and bank acceptances, have made it possible for banks to engage in this line of business. For years past, it has been customary for an English spinner to make arrangements with his bank in London by which the bank would stand ready to accept, to a certain amount, drafts drawn against it, charging the same to its client. The spinner, purchasing cotton in the South, would instruct the shipper to draw a 60 or 90 day draft in payment of the cotton, the draft being payable at the specified London bank. The cotton exporter in the South would draw the drafts, attach his bills of lading, and send them to his broker in New York, who in turn would sell them to the Guaranty Trust Company or the National City Bank, or some other institution, and remit the proceeds to the cotton shipper. The New York bank would send the drafts or bills of exchange to its London correspondent, who would present them to the London bank for acceptance. Once the acceptance stamp was placed on a bill, it became current in the discount market and might be bought and sold a half dozen times before maturity and payment. The French, German and Italian buyers of American cotton paid for their goods in the same manner, using in most cases their own local banks."

It is rather a surprise that New York has not been doing business under the so-called new method all this time. We thought it did, for we know that Canadian banks have been handling a lot of cotton business in the way described as furnishing a new opportunity to American banks. The new method means simply that European purchasers are securing lines of credit in New York banks, but it is stated that it has come about this way:

"Since the outbreak of the war and the consequent disturbances in the foreign exchange situation generally, and the European discount markets particularly, it has been found desirable for foreign buyers of American cotton to establish credits with American banks and bankers. The drafts now drawn by Southern shippers are in a great many cases made payable at the National City Bank and other New York institutions, instead of being drawn on the London City & Midland Bank or other prime banks in London, Berlin and Paris. Under the Federal Reserve act a national bank is permitted to 'accept drafts or bills of exchange drawn upon it and growing out of transactions involving the importation or exportation of goods having not more than six months' right to run.' State banks and trust companies, under the Van Tuyl law, are allowed to accept drafts practically without any limitations.

"The cotton shippers, as a rule, are well known to the officers of banks and trust companies who handle 'cotton bills', and there is practically no risk attached to the business of accepting when the genuineness of the draft and the bill of lading is unquestioned. Bank acceptances, thus created, are novel to American banking methods, but still the demand for their purchase for investment purposes by local and out-of-town institutions is quite large. In fact, it is said that the demand greatly exceeds the supply. A prime acceptance, bearing the name of the Guaranty Trust or the National City, is considered as good as a national bank note. It is a good investment, and possesses the advantage of being eligible for rediscount by the Federal Reserve banks."

The method seems to furnish a new kind of negotiable commercial paper, quite as good as currency. Since October the National City Bank of New York has been doing a considerable business in buying and selling bank acceptances on cotton shipments. It has purchased city bank acceptances and resold them to other banks. It is said that the National City Bank is endeavoring to dispose of acceptances among out-of-town banks in order that small country bankers may become familiar with that form of paper. The acceptances handled by New York's big bank include the names of the best known banks and bankers, and are not limited to those of the National City Bank. In that way such acceptances are likely to become general all over the country.

PRESIDENT WILSON REASSURES BUSINESS

It was well enough for President Wilson to reassure business by making it a point to do so in his message to Congress, but it is amusing to think that honest business should need reassurance. The anti-trust laws, of course, were passed to protect the country. They were sorely needed to stop practices and impositions that were criminal, but we have never been able to see how any concern could fear a law simply meant to prevent wrong doing. It is only the guilty who may fear the law, so much of the fear of laws needful for the country has not been at all justified.

Probably some have feared they could not violate the law and get off at it, but if it creates enough fear to, put a stop to outrages committed by men or combinations or individuals, it can be said that is precisely what it was intended for. That is all it was intended for, and that is why such laws need to be enforced against those guilty of infraction.

"Honest business men," said the President, "need have no fear in treading the way outlined in the trust and currency bills," but all honest men might have known that without a word from the President. He says the programme of legislation for the regulation of business is now about complete, so that the country need not be worried over expected radical legislation during the coming year.

Business men now know the law, and the President well says that "the road at last lies clear and firm before business," and that "it is a road which it can travel without fear or embarrassment."

All of this means that a man who does business according to honest methods has no reason to fear any national law and no other law, it might be added.

OYSTER AND FISH PROTECTION.

There is so much need for the protection, conservation and development of the fish and oyster resources of the South Atlantic and Gulf states that we have often wondered why they did not unite and co-operate along similar lines, each getting the benefit of what the other, is doing.

Georgia seems to be waking up to the importance of doing something for its oyster and fishing industry and the question has been thoroughly agitated in North Carolina, but, we fear, without making the State wake up for good. However, we must keep on trying and as the Legislature will be in session next month, it is hoped it will do something that will be practical in the way of making North Carolina's sea waters worth something to the people of the State.

The Savannah News says State Game and Fish Commissioner Davis, of Georgia, is taking a great deal of interest in the question of the proper protection of the state's oyster beds, and is advocating protective legislation. What kind? Since North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida are all equally concerned in making their fish and oyster interests a source of wealth, why can't they get together on such laws as can be depended upon to accomplish a purpose based on plans as well as policy.

We seem to be friendly towards oyster and fish conservation. Let's do something to show that we mean something and will do something. This is a genuine constructive work for our states.

STATES CAN BRING ON WAR.

Former President William Howard Taft made a timely suggestion in his address before the Heptorean Club at Somerville, Mass., on Wednesday night, when he urged "assumption by Congress of authority to prevent States from violating United States treaties." He took that ground because it is a notorious and grave fact that the laws of some of the States have involved the United States in serious controversies with foreign countries.

Take California's school and anti-alien land laws, for instance. The international incidents which grew out of them show that there is a possibility of war on account of the action of any one State. It should not be so that one State should be allowed to drag the whole nation into war. However, Congress cannot "assume" the authority necessary. It will require a constitutional amendment, for the States have a constitutional right to pass laws which at any time may involve the United States.

A lynching in Louisiana once brought on grave complications with Italy, some of whose subjects were killed. Italy did not deal with Louisiana but with the Washington government. In cases like that, the national government should be responsible, but in turn have some way of making the State bear the responsibility.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Robesonian has more than once made the statement that her whole-time health officer was worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to Robeson county. The State Board of Health in a bulletin published elsewhere in this issue, estimates that in lives saved alone since the employment of a whole-time health officer, there has been a saving to the county of $290,000 a year. That does not take into account the amount saved in sickness that has been prevented. That would run the figures up many thousands of dollars more. Dr. Page has gone quietly about his work without fuss and feathers, and that his work has been efficient the results show. And the work is popular now. Opposition to it largely has been overcome. Two years ago there was opposition and criticism. Because people did not quit dying altogether and continued to get sick, they argued that it was foolish to employ a man for his entire time for this work. Now, many who grumbled at first are willing to admit that the employment of a whole-time health officer at a living salary was the wisest step any set of commissioners of the county ever made. Health work is paying bigger dividends than any other work being done in the county. The people appreciate that fact now and the whole-time health officer has come for keeps.—Lumberton Robesonian.

Pittsburg, Pa., has nine councilmen. They have cut their own salaries by $1,000 a year. If there were thirty of them, if the council were as large as the municipal legislative body of New York or Philadelphia, say, it is not at all likely that a suggestion that the salaries of its members be cut would be received with more serious consideration than a hearty guffaw would express. Which is an argument in favor of having a city governing body of a very limited size. Pittsburg's nine get $6,500 a year apiece, and so will have $5,500 a year left after the reduction is made, but that does not make it any less surprising than they really have sliced off, on their own motion, a part of their income and such a large part as 15.4 per cent. It is much pleasanter reading and certainly far better advertising for a city when a story appears to the effect that its city fathers are practicing economy rather than boosting their salaries as much as possible with one hand and grafting assiduously with the other—Savannah News.

FREIGHT RATES FROM WEST

To the Editor of The Star:

The enclosure shows how Wilmington is discriminated against in her Western freight rates. This a reply to ours protesting against a rate of $1.10 per hundred on same class of goods. We then wrote to these people asking to quote their through rate on same shipment to Richmond and Norfolk, which the enclosure gives. Now you see what we here in Wilmington are up against in competing with our Virginia neighbors, and still our railroad people here tell us we have lower rates than other States, etc.

Yours truly,
WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.

Plymouth, Mich., Dec. 7, 1914.

W. E. Springer & Co.,
Wilmington, N. C.

Gentlemen: Replying to your favor of the 5th, beg to advise that the P. M. Railroad company quotes a rate on air rifles, Plymouth to Richmond, Va., 60c and Norfolk, Va., 60c.

We await your further favors and beg to remain

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E. C. HOUGH, Treasurer.

MR. AND MRS. PAGE ARE NOW HAPPY AT LUMBERTON

Cupid Wins, With the Automobile, Despite Relatives' Objections.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 10.—U. S. Page and Miss Lemoine Rouse, who eloped from LaGrange in an automobile late yesterday, successfully eluded the officers of several counties who waited to apprehend them, and were married. They are now with relatives of the groom in Lumberton, N. C.

Page today notified the mayor of LaGrange that he will on Monday return to his job as policeman there and to face the irate father and brothers of Mrs. Page who last night followed him through the country with shotguns but to no avail. His father, E. E. Page, came here today and was notified that his son was even then safe with his bride in the Page home in Lumberton.

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 10.—U. S. Page, the LaGrange policeman who has received considerable newspaper attention during the past few days on account of his efforts to marry a Kinston girl against the wishes of her relatives, arrived here this morning on the early train from Fayetteville, accompanied by the girl, and they were married without losing any time. The groom served his time in the United States Navy and his determination to have the girl shows that he has been well drilled.

VAN BROCKLIN NAMED CAPTAIN OF A. & M. 1915 ELEVEN.

Brought No Surprise to the Men and Gives Great Satisfaction.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—The selection of Van Brocklin as captain of the A. & M. eleven for next year brought no surprise to the bulk of the men on the campus, his name having been mentioned for the place for some time. Wallace Riddick, right halfback, had been mentioned for the place, but the decision came as a result of balloting by members of the team held yesterday.

Van Brocklin is one of the most efficient players that has ever worn the Red and White, and the selection of him for captain will be received as good news to A. & M. fans throughout the State. Last year Van Brocklin was all-South Atlantic quarterback. His playing has been one of the features of the many games in which he has participated.

MRS. E. W. COX PASSES.

A Widely Loved Christian Woman of Goldsboro Dead.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 10.—The death of Mrs. Ella Smith Cox, relict of the late Elias W. Cox, occurred last night, and will be widely mourned, for she was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Cox was an exemplary Christian and a devoted member of the First Baptist church.

She is survived by five children, three sons, Messrs. William, Herbert and Rowland, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Hall, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. O. C. Jones, of this city, and by a wide circle of near relatives to mourn her going away.

This afternoon the funeral, largely attended, was held from her late home on John street, conducted, in the absence of her pastor, Rev. Geo. T. Watkins, by Rev. B. C. Thompson, of St. John church.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED IN DEATH OF PETE McNAIR.

Cornelius Wadkins Surrenders to Robeson Sheriff.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 10.—Cornelius Wadkins surrendered to Sheriff Lewis today pending an investigation of the death of Pete McNair near St. Pauls several days ago. At the time of the death it was said to have been accidental, but later developments having created suspicion of foul play, Wadkins surrendered and was placed in jail.

A LIBERAL OFFER.

Anyone Can Try Samose, the Remarkable Flesh-Forming Food.

When one of the leading druggists in Wilmington tells you that they have a preparation which they so thoroughly believe in that they will refund your money if it does not do all that is claimed for it, it shows that the article must have unusual merits. It is in this way that the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., are selling Samose, the remarkable flesh-building food.

Samose is in reality a concentrated food, and restores life and vitality at once to the blood. It mixes with the ordinary foods and aids digestion; it extracts from the food that you eat the flesh-forming and strength giving elements, building up the tissues and the general health.

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(Advertisement.)

Grey Top Patent Leather Shoes.

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(Advertisement.)

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We are ready to fill your every need; the keynote is: Do Your Shopping Early. (All Toys purchased now can be reserved and delivered Christmas Eve, if so desired.)

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No. 1 makes 88 models, has 140 parts, $1.00.

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These are in stock, ready for delivery; larger sets can be ordered, if desired.

Our selection of Smaller Toys were never larger or more varied. Many novelties never shown here before.

The Larger Toys, as Express Wagons, at 75c, 98c, $1.25, $2.00, $2.50 to $4.98.

Velocipeds, $1.50 to $12.50.

Tricycles, $4.98 to $12.50.

Irish Mails and Coaster Wagons, Hand Cars, Etc., Wheel Barrows, Roller Top Desks, $4.50 to $5.98. Hobby Horses, Rocking Horses.

Men's, Women's and Children's Christmas Slippers; Columbia Yarn Fleece Sale; assorted colors, at 50c.

Christmas Handkerchiefs, in Fancy Boxes; great selection, 15c to $1.50 per box.

Christmas Ties, a splendid collection of new fancy Four in Hand Ties, each in box at 25c and 50c.

Handsome Christmas Waists, each in fancy Xmas box; beautiful and acceptable gifts; very stylish, at $1.25 and $1.50.

Black Fur Sets—Neckpiece and muff—splendid gifts, at $7.50 to $12.50.

Separate Muffs, at $3.98 to $7.98.

For Christmas Gifts, Kid Gloves are always acceptable and serviceable.

Hosiery is another desirable and serviceable article, always appreciated.

Linen Heel and Toe "Everlasting" black and tan, at 25c.

Silk Hose at 25c, 50c and $1.00.

Attractive display this week of new, stylish Black Silk Velvet Hats. Just received, many desirable shapes formerly sold at $4.98; price this week, $1.98.

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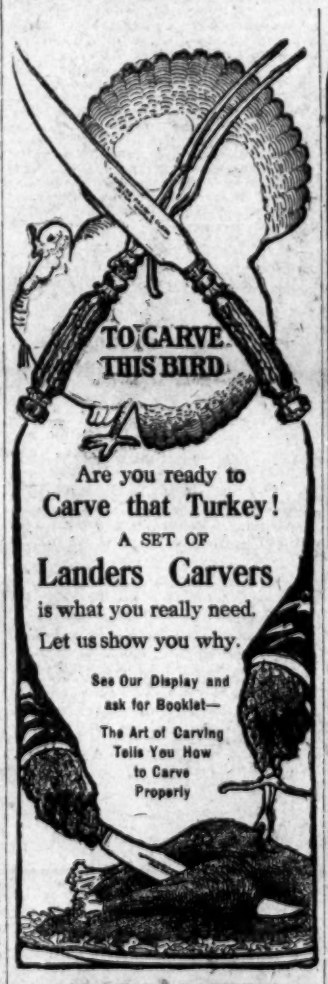

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RECEIVER FOR FURNITURE CO.

Mr. Henderson Cole Named to Take Charge of Hopkins Furniture Co. Lewis Case on Trial.

At chambers in Superior Court yesterday Judge Oliver H. Allen, on petition of Messrs. C. C. Hopkins and S. L. Hopkins, officers and principal stockholders of the Hopkins Furniture Company, signed an order appointing Mr. Henderson Cole receiver for the company and naming Saturday as the date for a further hearing to decide if the receivership shall be made permanent.

The above matter and the beginning of the trial of a case of Mr. Jno. E. Lewis against the Wilmington Door & Lumber Company, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover $10,000 for alleged personal injuries, were the principal features of yesterday's session of court.

In the receivership matter, the action is brought by Messrs. Hopkins in behalf of themselves and all other creditors who may come in and make themselves parties thereto. The company was organized a few years ago, beginning business when 40 shares of stock had been sold, with a capital of $4,000. Of the 40 shares of stock, Mr. S. L. Hopkins, the secretary and treasurer, owns 37; Mr. C. C. Hopkins, president and manager, owns two, and Mr. S. Seigler, one.

The indebtedness of the company, according to the affidavit, is around $3,000 or more, and it is unable to meet these obligations. Of the assets, it is set forth, $4,000 is in book accounts, but these are largely uncollectable on account of the business depression. Stock in trade and fixtures will not exceed $1,500.

Immediately after his appointment Mr. Cole arranged $500 bond and took charge of the company. Herbert McClammy, Esq., represents the plaintiffs in the action.

This is the second time the case of Mr. Lewis against the Wilmington Door & Lumber Company has been taken up. It was started at a former term, but after the evidence of the plaintiff was all in, the case was re-entered. The plaintiff is suing for injuries alleged to have been sustained to one of his hands while in the employ of the defendant company several years ago. The evidence was not all submitted yesterday, and the case will be taken up again this morning. Jno. D. Bellamy & Son represent the plaintiff, while Robert Ruark, Esq., appears for the defendant.

Entries were made yesterday as follows: In the case of the C. C. Covington Company against the Clyde Steamship Company, the plaintiff was allowed, 30 days to file amended complaint; Standard Supply Company against J. F. McNair and others, judgment for dismissal.

BROTHERHOOD LYCEUM ATTRACTION TONIGHT

Aborer Musical Octette at St. Andrew's Memorial Hall.

The fourth number of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Lyceum course will be presented at Memorial Hall this evening by the Aborer Musical Octette. "The Crisis" is the title of the entertainment they present.

This company is composed of eight of the Alkahest's, most accomplished artists, and is one of the largest companies on the lyceum platform. It is said that their programme is the only one of its kind ever produced. The costumes used by the company are an exact replica of those worn in the early days before the war, and the blue and gray uniforms of the North and South will be familiar to many of the older residents who will see the entertainment.

In the first part of the programme the songs which were in vogue during the ante-bellum period will be used. The old familiar "Genevieve" will be rendered by the Octette.

The second part of the programme will be devoted to martial and patriotic music and stories of the heroic deeds which are now the pride of the Southern people, while the last part will be a rendition of present day compositions. The "Soldier's Chorus" (Faust), and "Hail Us Ye Free" (Emane), will be two of the notable numbers.

The doors will open at 7:45 and the programme commences at 8:30 sharp. Tickets will be on sale at the office at 75 cents. Tickets good for the remainder of the season, including this attraction, are now on sale at the reduced price of $2.50.

ASK BETTER CAR SERVICE

Commuters of Southern Suburbs Petition Tidewater for Changes.

A petition signed by 75 residents of Greenfield Terrace and Sunset Park was filed with the Tidewater Power Company yesterday, asking that the company either restore the street car schedule in effect prior to Friday, November 13, to amend the present schedule to more adequately serve the needs and conveniences of the patrons.

It is stated in the petition that the present schedule is most unsatisfactory, and the company is asked to make such changes as will enable the residents of the two suburbs to travel into and out of the city at convenient hours.

The present schedule went into effect when the new extension out Red Cross street to the hospital and Oakdale cemetery was completed and put in operation last month, and the commuters of Greenfield Terrace and Sunset Park allege that the change has caused a reduction in the service to their suburbs from cars every 12 minutes to cars every 20 minutes.

RESCUED FROM FIRE.

Former Wilmingtonians Had Narrow Escape in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wines and children, formerly of this city and now residing in Toledo, Ohio, had a narrow escape when the building in which they make their home there was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The following from an account of the fire in a recent issue of one of the Toledo papers will be of interest to their friends:

"Mrs. W. E. Wines was in a serious condition as a result of the shock she underwent when she thought her youngest child had been lost. The baby, becoming confused, had entered the room of another boarder. It was found by firemen and carried out.

"Hysterical from fright, Mrs. Wines refused to leave the burning building. Firemen were compelled to use force. She was unaware of the baby's rescue on Monday at noon and continues calling for her child."

Pender Couple Wed Here.

Attended by several of their friends, Mr. Ashley M. Bullard and Miss Mattie Howard, both of Sloop Point, N. C., were married yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of Justice G. W. Bornemann, who performed the ceremony. The young people left on the afternoon train for Sloop Point, where they will make their home.

CHAMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING

Mr. J. Allan Taylor Discusses Number of Important Matters in Report for Traffic Committee.

That the United States government was sadly negligent in its efforts to protect the trade routes for cotton during the first three months of the present European war was one of the points emphasized by Mr. J. Allan Taylor in a short address before the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce at the regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. In making his report as chairman of the traffic committee, Mr. Taylor expressed his intention to make an effort at the next Legislature to secure a repeal of the Justice intrastate freight rate bill or at least that portion of it known as the "long and short haul clause."

Mr. Taylor reviewed the work that the Comptroller of the Currency did to protect the banks of New York immediately following the closing of the stock exchanges on account of the war and declared that this was directed solely towards helping a particular section. If the government was powerful enough to protect the bankers, he saw no reason why it could not have aided the South also.

He referred to a telegram which he sent to Senator Simmons on August 4 in which he suggested that cotton and tobacco be made non-contraband of war and yet the government, he said, did absolutely nothing for three months. He characterized this policy as being the most notable example of political inability that he has known.

Even after the State Department began its efforts on November 1 to make cotton non-contraband of war, he pointed out, it only secured assurances from England and Germany and nothing has yet been done towards securing a market in Russia and Austria. He considered the negotiation of treaties to protect the commerce of the United States to be one of he paramount duties of the State Department.

Mr. Taylor stated that when it was learned that the railroads in Wilmington were closing their freight receiving offices at 4 o'clock instead of 5 o'clock as had been the custom, that the traffic committee had immediately investigated the matter and had found that this was only another result of the Justice freight rate bill. Owing to the fact that it is incumbent upon the railroads to send its freight by the shortest route, it is necessary to close the offices earlier in order that the proper bills of lading may be made out and the freight properly routed.

Mr. Taylor discussed also the war tax revenue stamps and mentioned the adjustments that have been made in the schedules of the Atlantic Coast Line by which a quicker time to New York and other Northern cities has been secured. He was of the opinion that this step will aid materially in putting Wilmington on the map.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mayor Preston, of Baltimore, asking that the Chamber of Commerce send a delegate on a cruise to South American ports which will be made early in the year under the auspices of the Fidelity Trust Company, of that City. The cruise will be made in a chartered steamship and will include visits to all the principal ports of that continent. The vessel will leave Baltimore on January 29 and it will require 106 days to complete the trip.

Nothing was said in the letter as the cost of the trip and as this is an important item to be considered, no one at the chamber seemed at all anxious to make the trip. The matter was not discussed and it is not likely that Wilmington will have a representative on the cruise.

There being no other matters coming before the body, the meeting was adjourned after having been in session only a half hour. President M. J. Corbett presided and a record of the proceedings was kept by the secretary, Mr. Howard B. Branch.

DEATH OF MISS KING

Formerly Resided in Wilmington, Passed Away in Ridgefield, N. J.

Many friends in Wilmington, where she resided at times with the family of her brother, the late Mr. Charles H. King, long one of Wilmington's leading business men, will hear with sorrow of the death of Miss Laura King, which occurred on December 2, at the home of her nephew, Mr. Anson W. King, of Ridgefield, N. J. While not a resident here in recent years many friends of Miss King will recall their love and friendship for her and will hear with infinite regret of her passing.

The body was interred, with funeral services, at Rochester, N. Y., on December 5.

DEATH OF MRS. BALTZER.

Mother of Mr. Ernest V. Baltzer Passed Away in Savannah.

Mrs. Richard H. Baltzer, mother of Mr. Ernest V. Baltzer, now of Savannah, Ga., died in that city this week. The interment was on Staten Island. The deceased was a native of New York and was a descendant of a distinguished family. Her husband was Mr. Richard H. Baltzer, a successful financier and banker. They were prominent in philanthropic, social and literary circles for many years on Staten Island and in New York.

Mrs. Ernest V. Baltzer is pleasantly remembered in Wilmington as Miss Annie Meares, daughter of the late Judge Oliver Pendleton Meares.

COMES OFF RAILWAY TODAY

Dredge Cape Fear Will Begin Work Immediately on Ocean Bar.

The dredge Cape Fear, which has been on the Wilmington railway for the past week for minor repairs and a general overhauling, is expected to come off today and will at once begin dredging on the ocean bar at the mouth of Cape Fear river.

The Cape Fear has been dredging in Beaufort harbor for the last several months, but returned to Wilmington last week. Her regular station is in the Cape Fear.

Unique Chess Tournaments.

The Wilmington Chess and Checker Club, which has its quarters in the Masonic Temple, is now engaged in a unique tournament with the Raleigh Chess club. Two games are being played by correspondence. When the Raleigh club makes a move it notifies the Wilmington club and the counter move is then made by the Wilmington club and notice sent to the Raleigh club. The Wilmington experts say that they have the advantage in one game so far and that they have an even chance on the other, but the Raleigh players may spring some surprises before the games are completed.

RUNNING REVOLVER DUEL

James Hill, Colored, Downed in Battle With Officers on Campbell Street—In Lockup.

James Hill, a colored desperado, wanted by the police on a number of charges, including burglary, was shot down in a running revolver duel with half a dozen officers from headquarters yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on Campbell street, near Sixth, and after being taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where a bullet was extracted from his left leg, was brought to the city hall and locked up to await a hearing before the Recorder this morning. His wound is not serious.

Hill has been dodging the officers since some time in October, when he is alleged to have entered the bedroom of another negro and carried away a suit of clothes. Several nights ago he was sighted by Mounted Officers W. K. Rhodes and J. F. Jordan, and when they commanded him to halt he drew a revolver and opened fire. The officers returned the fire and about a dozen shots were fired, none taking effect, however. The negro made his escape.

Yesterday afternoon word was received at headquarters that Hill was in a barber shop at Sixth and Red Cross streets and a number of officers went to the scene from the city hall in the auto patrol wagon. They failed to find Hill, however, and returned to the hall. Shortly after their arrival word was received that the first message had been misunderstood; that Hill was at Sixth and Campbell streets instead of Sixth and Red Cross.

Officers Geo. W. Bullard, O. V. Thompson, W. F. Craig, Leon George, D. W. Coleman and W. R. Applebury went to the scene. As they approached the barber shop, Hill came out of the door, saw the officers, drew a revolver and opened fire as he started to run away.

The officers returned the fire and a lively little battle ensued. Hill ran only about 30 feet when a bullet from the gun of one of the officers struck him in the left leg and he fell in the street. He still held to his gun and made an effort to shoot at the officers as they came up to him, but one of them knocked the revolver out of his hands. Several chambers still contained loaded cartridges and several other rounds of cartridges were found in his pockets.

The original warrant against Hill charged him with the larceny of a suit of clothes, but County Solicitor Geo. L. Peschau stated yesterday that the charge of burglary will probably be brought against him, as he is alleged to have entered the sleeping room of another negro in order to secure the clothes. He will also have to face charges of carrying a concealed weapon, resisting arrest and assault with a deadly weapon.

HIGH WATER DELAYS WORK

No Serious Damage to Dam at King's Bluff—Crib Washed Down the Stream Short Distance.

The rains of the last few days have caused the Cape Fear river to rise much higher than usual and rumors were current in Wilmington yesterday that the dam now being constructed at King's Bluff had been seriously damaged. These had their foundation in the fact that on Sunday night one of the cribs, which was being made to put in the dam, was washed down stream a short distance. It was, however, securely anchored and as soon as the water subsides will be towed back to the dam.

The high water, of course, will delay work on the dam for a few days. The crib which is being built is the remaining portion of the dam and as soon as it is put in the framework will be completed. Being light and floating the rising water caused it to break loose from its moorings.

There was absolutely no damage to the permanent portion of the dam and none to the lock, which is practically completed, according to report received in Wilmington yesterday.

Maj. H. W. Stickle, United States District Engineer, went to King's Bluff Tuesday and is expected to return today.

The construction of the lock and dam at King's Bluff is a part of the canalization project for the upper Cape Fear river. Capt. C. S. Ridley has direct supervision of the work and so far has had unusually good luck in pushing the work to a rapid completion. Splendid progress has been made and it is expected that the project will be finished much earlier than was originally contemplated.

The slight delay in the construction work at King's Bluff will not affect the decision of the officers in charge to keep the river open to navigation. It was thought several weeks ago that while the rock was being placed in the dam that the river would have to be closed, but it was found that with the lock practically complete that boats can pass safely through it after the river is closed by the dam.

Body of Negro Found.

Coroner John J. Fowler was notified yesterday of the finding of the body of a negro man on Myrtle Grove Beach Wednesday afternoon by Edward McClellan, colored. The remains were reduced almost to a skeleton but is believed to be the body of Albert Walker, who with three companions, was drowned a few weeks ago off Masonboro Beach. The tips of two fingers are gone and Walker is said to have suffered an accident which took away the tips of two of his fingers.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. WILDER

Services Conducted From Orton Hotel Yesterday Afternoon—Many Expressions of Sorrow.

The funeral of Capt. Jesse Wilder, whose death occurred Wednesday afternoon, was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Orton Hotel parlors. The services were attended by a large number of friends and were conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClue, pastor of St. Andrew's Presyterian church.

The interment was in Bellevue cemetery and was with Masonic honors. The pallbearers were: Gen. James I. Metts and Messrs. Herbert McClammy, R. C. Cantwell, S. M. Boatwright, John S. McEachern and A. S. Holden, all of these being members of St. John's Lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was a member for nearly a half century. Members of Cape Fear chapter, United Confederate Veterans, attended the funeral in a body. A delegation of Pythians also attended the funeral.

A quartette composed of Mrs. Muse, Miss Carrie White and Messrs. A. S. Holden and A. L. Dosher sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "Abide With Me."

All of the naval stores enterprises in Wilmington closed at 1 o'clock for the funeral. Captain Wilder was chairman of the naval stores committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and on account of his death there were no market quotations yesterday.

There were many beautiful and elaborate floral designs sent by friends and by the organizations of which the deceased was a member. The members of the office force of the Galena Oil Company in Atlanta, Ga., sent a design and there were also designs from the Cape Fear club, of which Captain Wilder was a member, St. John's Lodge of Masons, Stonewall Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Naval Stores Company, and a number of designs from individuals, including one from Mr. H. C. McQueen, who was a colleague of Captain Wilder on the old board of audit and finance of the city of Wilmington.

Col. George L. Morton, a nephew of the deceased, was not present at the funeral, as he is in Texas inspecting oil wells and could not be located. A telegram was received from him late yesterday afternoon stating that he had just learned of Captain Wilder's death.

The colored employes of the turpentine distilleries on Eagles' Island attended the funeral in a body.

The only near relatives surviving Captain Wilder besides Col. George L. Morton, a nephew, who was for so many years associated with the deceased in business, are Miss Kate Morton, a great niece, who was a constant attendant at his bedside during his last illness, and his great nephew, George L. Morton, Jr. Captain Wilder married Miss Fanny Ellis, who died about 40 years ago.

Special Meeting Last Night.

A special meeting of Johnson Blakely Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite Masons, was held last evening for the purpose of conferring degrees preparatory to the spring reunion, which will be held some time in March. Degrees from the 18th to 30th will be conferred during January.

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INSPECTED HEALTH RESULTS

Dr. Stiles and Dr. Lumsden Spent Day Reviewing Sanitation Work in City and County.

Dr. C. W. Stiles and Dr. L. L. Lumsden, both of the United States Public Health Service, spent yesterday in the city and county inspecting the results of the health work that has gone forward so notably here during the past few years, and especially the past year. Dr. Stiles, who spends his summers here, was more or less familiar with the work and its results, but to Dr. Lumsden, who was here for the first time yesterday, many evidences of the fine work that has been done were a revelation.

The two government experts spent the night at the Hotel Wilmington, and will leave this morning on an early train for Columbus county, where they will inspect the community health work that has been done there.

Dr. Stiles and Dr. Lumsden were accompanied on their inspection trip over the city and county yesterday by Dr. John Thames, assistant county health officer, who is in charge of the health department while Dr. C. T. Nesbitt is away on his vacation, and by several members of the sanitary police corps.

They arrived early yesterday morning from Raleigh, and proceeded at once to the health department, where they were met by Dr. Thames and the sanitary policemen. A part of the morning was spent in going over the city, especially in the outer sections, inspecting the sanitation features with respect to the modern surface closets in use in the districts not served by the sewerage system.

The party then went to Castle Haynes, in Cape Fear township, which township now leads the entire South from the standpoint of modern rural sanitation, according to a recent report of the Public Health service. The Castle Haynes community was thoroughly inspected, after which they returned to Wrightsboro and made a complete inspection of that neighborhood. The party went from house to house all through the several communities, and studied the results of the work that has been done at first hand.

Both visitors spoke in the highest terms of the fine work that has been done by the united efforts of the local health department, the Rockefeller Commission and the Public Health Service, which is now attracting attention all over the entire country.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The regular meeting of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, will be held in the W. L. I. armory this evening at 8 o'clock.

—The fire department was called out last evening at 8:38 by an alarm from box 18. A chimney burning out at 620 Swann street caused the alarm to be turned in. No damage was done.

—Suit was started in Superior Court yesterday by A. H. Moore against C. W. Nixon and the Wilmington Fruit Exchange. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., represents the plaintiff.

—The Italian steamer Alcana, Capt. Ghiglieno, from Algiers, arrived here yesterday afternoon to take on a full cargo of cotton. She is consigned to Alexander Sprunt & Son and will carry her cargo to Europe when completed.

—Recorder Brooke G. Empie yesterday sentenced Frank Kelley, colored, to one year on the county farm but left final judgment open until today. Kelley is alleged to have been the negro who shot D. C. Sneed, colored, in an attempt to rob his money drawer Saturday night. There were no other cases before the Recorder yesterday.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Koonce, of Chadbourn, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams at 207 North Seventh street.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. James' Parish will be held in the Parish house this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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Those who have been asked to take part in the Christmas entertainment of the First Baptist church are requested to meet in the Sunday school room tonight.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held at the church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the members are invited and urged to attend.

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A relief box, for an early Red Cross shipment, will be packed by the Colonial Dames of the North Carolina Society, on Tuesday morning, December 15. Dames and friends of the society that are making garments for this box will kindly complete and send them, on Saturday, to Mrs. George P. Cotchett, Carolina Apartments.

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The Ascension Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society will have an entertainment and Christmas sale this evening at 8 o'clock at the Ascension hall, Third and Marsteller streets. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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From the social column of yesterday's Baltimore Sun: "Mr. and Mrs. John S. Armstrong have issued invitations for the dansant to be given on Saturday, January 2, at their residence, 1200 Eutaw Place, in honor of their daughters, Misses Dorothy and Marjorie Armstrong. Miss Dorothy Armstrong will be one of next season's debutantes."

PLAY WAS SPLENDID SUCCESS

Large Audience at Academy of Music Last Night—Neat Sum Realized for Relief Fund.

An audience of over 300 people saw "Miss Fearless & Co." presented at the Academy of Music last night and a neat sum was realized for the Belgian Relief Fund. Those taking part in the play were all Wilmington young people and played their parts most acceptably. The play was guaranteed to furnish many laughs and fully sustained its reputation as a fun maker. The songs by the different choruses were greatly enjoyed.

Much credit is due Miss Sallie Oldham, who trained the company for the play and also had charge of the songs. She is a most efficient directress and added to this has a capacity for hard work that ensures success in any undertaking.

The cast of the company which presented the play last evening was as follows:

"Miss Fearless," Miss Anna Cavenaugh.

"Miss Henley's" guests, "Barbara Livingston," Miss Susie Sholar; "Bettie Cameron," Miss Eunice Tucker; "Marion Reynolds," Miss Lizzie Gibson.

"Katie O'Connor," Mrs. Heilig.

"Miss Euphemia," "Margaret's" aunt, Miss Ethel Holmes.

"Just Lizzie," Miss Florence Tucker.

"Sara Jane Lovejoy," Miss Annie Leah Mercer.

"The two aliases, "the Silent Sisters"—(?)

"Tom Thumb March," Maicol Hall, Jessie Lee Thomas, June Mallard, Annie Haskett, Leonard Smith, Annette Woolard, Rufus Robbins, Ruth Britt, Horace Gendreau, Ethel Burr Hall, Horace King and Jesse King.

"Sympathy," chorus, Evelyn Heilig, Mildred Boylan, Lucy Hall, Mary Smith Heilig, Mary Janis Davis, Mary Boon, Cassander Lord, Lynne Stein, Marion Sullivan and Virginia Woolard.

"Something Seems Tingle-Ingle," from "High Jinks," Mary Lily Savage, Elizabeth Cordes, Hallie Taylor, Maude Vaughn, Ray Johnson, Eugenia Mason, Vivian Dowdy, Lucile Hardwick, Cassander Lord, Ruby Matthews and Lynne Stein.

"Good Old Time Straw Ride," Misses Marie Lewis, Sallie Burriss, Muriel Power, Elsie Cleeves, Hortense Stricklang, Callie Scott, Gertrude Sawyer, Lucile Page, Sarah Charlton and Gladys Beale and Messrs. Fred E. Little, A. M. Walker, Dave Shore, P. G. Laughridge, W. Southerland, C. K. Meiers, John Croom and J. J. Croom.

"I'm Here and You're Here," from "Marriage Market," Catherine Dale, Maggie Tatum, Marjorie Murrell, Thelma Johnson, Lily May Gaylor, Bessie Nixon, Christiana Wood, Elsie Burke, Grace Thomas.

Bathing chorus, Grace Thomas, Adelaide Wagner, Marie Fleet, Bessie Hardwick, Ida May Stonebanks, Lucy Wagner, Catherine Dale, Addie Burriss.

"The Meaning of U. S. A.," same chorus as in "Good Old Time Straw Ride."

Dixie chorus, Lucile Moore, Mattie Breach, Etta MacCartney, Catherine Dale, Nina Spooner, Helen Power, Lillian Bessent, Marjorie Murrell, Ella Mae Rackley.

Good night chorus, Same as in "Good Old Time Straw Ride."

JEFFERSON LODGE ELECTS

Fine Meeting Last Night in Pythian Castle Hall—Veteran's Jewel.

The regular convention of Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, was a two-fold happy occasion for the large number of members who assembled in Pythian Castle Hall last night, two interesting features having stood out at the meeting—the election of officers for the ensuing term and the presentation with proper ceremonies of a veteran's jewel to Past Grand Chancellor John Haar, one of the most popular Pythians in Wilmington.

The jewel was presented to Mr. Haar by Past Chancellor W. O. Page and the response was in beautiful speech and sentiment by Mr. Haar. Veteran badges are awarded after 25 years' continuous membership in the lodge and it was especially fitting that the "baby lodge" of the city should make the presentation to this "veteran" Pythian.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

C. C.—M. McC. Wilson.
V. C.—J. D. McCarley.
Prelate—W. G. Hatch.
M. of W.—C. G. Keith.
K. of R. S.—N. S. Haskett.
M. of F.—I. W. Cooper
M. of E.—W. P. McGlaughon.
M. at A.—A. L. Mincy.
I. G.—H. K. Womble.
O. G.—George W. Branch.

These with the appointive officers will be installed the first meeting night in January.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—David J. Lewis, Esq., a prominent member of the Whiteville bar, was in the city yesterday on professional business.

—Rev. E. C. Sell, of Maysville, a former pastor of Trinity Methodist church, this city, is visiting friends in Wilmington.

—Mr. Jno. J. Beatty, Jr., of Ivanhoe, who was recently operated on at Harper's Sanitarium, has recovered his strength sufficiently to be able to return to his home.

—C. R. Mason, a white man, was arrested yesterday by Constable Davis on a charge of non-support of his children. He will be tried before Justice Harriss today at noon. He was unable to give bond and had to go to jail.

GIVE RECEPTION FOR LADIES

Brilliant Social Event at Germania Club Last Evening in Honor of the Aid Society.

The reception and dance given last night at the Germania club, corner Front and Dock street, by the members of the German-American Alliance in honor of the ladies who assisted in the recent bazaar for the benefit of the German widows and orphans, was a brilliant social event and was attended by more than 250 people. Music, dancing and refreshments were provided for the occasion and served to make it a most enjoyable one.

The large hall on the second floor of the handsome club building was attractively decorated with the festive colors of the holiday season. The American and German colors also formed a part of the decoration scheme and gave it a patriotic effect.

Music by the Hollowbush orchestra was furnished for the dancing which was of the old-fashioned type; although the one step was indulged in and for a variety the young people danced some of the modern steps. Delicious ice cream in which the colors of the Germania club were tastefully arranged and cake were served by the young men. Later in the evening coffee of the most appetizing kind was served.

There were other features which helped to make the occasion one of rare pleasure, these including short talks by several prominent members of the club, songs and readings.

The officers of the German-American club, who assisted the committee on arrangements and reception most efficiently, are as follows: President, Mr. John H. Niggels, Jr.; first vice president, Mr. Henry E. Bonitz; second vice president, Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs; third vice president, Mr. Henry Dula; secretary, Mr. Louis Hanson, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Mr. Edwin S. Grossmann.

The committee on arrangements was composed of Messrs. H. E. Bonitz, E. Fred Banck, John G. Kuhlken and H. A. Webber:

The reception committee were: Messrs. J. G. L. Gieschen, M. G. Tiencken, G. P. B. Mahler, Carl Fick, J. O. Oldenbuttel, William H. Banck, C. W. Polvogt and C. Schad.

NOW LOCATED IN NEW YORK

Mr. C. E. Greenamyer Has Resigned as General Manager of Fidelity Trust & Development Co.

Mr. Chas. E. Greenamyer, for the past several years connected with the Fidelity Trust & Development Company and its allied interests, has resigned his position as general manager of that corporation to accept a proposition connected with the promotion of a company to erect the largest building in the world in New York City.

Mr. Greenamyer left Wilmington November 18th, accompanied by Mrs. Greenamyer and their child, and it was after he had interviewed those with whom he is now associated that he announced his decision to the officers of the Fidelity company. His connection with the corporation in an official capacity ceased December 1st, though, it was stated yesterday, he still retains his holdings in the several allied interests and also remains a director in the Fidelity company.

The company with which Mr. Greenamyer is now associated is the Pan-American States Association, and one of its objects is the promotion of extensive trade relations with the South American countries.

The building which it is planned to erect will be the tallest in the world if the company's plans mature. It is proposed to make it more than 1,000 feet in height, considerably more than the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, which is 989 feet high and the tallest structure in the world at the present time. The square bounded by Broadway and Eighth avenue and 57th and 58th streets has been selected as the site for the proposed structure. The offices of the Association are on the 22nd floor of McAlpine Hotel.

Mr. D. N. Chadwick is acting general manager of the Fidelity pending the appointment of Mr. Greenamyer's successor.

WILL WELCOME REPRESENTATIVE

Head of Roman Catholic Church Glad to Greet British Official.

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Osservatore Romano publishes today an official communication stating Sir Edward Grey had asked the Vatican whether the appointment as envoy from England to the Holy See of Sir Henry Howard was acceptable. Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, replied that Sir Henry would be welcomed.

This is the first official announcement from the Vatican concerning its new relations with Great Britain which formerly had not a representative accredited to the Pope.

DIED.

KING—At the home of her nephew, Mr. Anson W. King, Ridgefield, N. J., on December 2nd, 1914, MISS LAURA KING, sister of the late Mr. Chas. H. King, of Wilmington, N. C.

Funeral and interment, December 5th, Rochester, N. Y.

THEATRICAL

Big audiences and their expressions of great delight were all in evidence at the Victoria yesterday and attested as to the great popularity of this theatre, which is offering the greatest moving pictures and which is known to fame as the handsomest and most comfortable theatre in Wilmington.

Today another great show will be flashed on the Victoria screen and you want to be certain to behold it. The chief photoplay for today will be Kalem's great two-reeler, "The Prison Stain," and it is one of the most fascinating, as well as thrilling films ever created. It first deals with prison life and then the undue suspicion that hovers over a woman, who, after finishing her prison term, tries to reform, marries and is happy. It is a powerful story and each reel is a gripper. Clever Marion Sais appears in the role of "Jean", an ex-convict.

Selig's "The Tell Tale Knife," follows this and is also a strong dramatic that will thrill all the time. The main fun picture on today is Edison's greatest "Jenks and the Janitor." The trouble starts between Jenks and his sister-in-law. Edward O'Connor appears in the role of "Jenks."

Mary Pickford at Bijou.

Mary Pickford, Mabel Normand, Margarite Fischer, Lorena Foster, Edythe Sterling, Frederick Church—that's the way the lineup of bright stars on today's bill at Wilmington's cozy corner reads. It's a grand offering of five full reels of movies, one of the biggest bills of the week, featuring no less than a half dozen of filmdom's brightest stars in big productions. It's merely another indication of the Bijou's firm purpose and aim to give Wilmington the greatest value in motion pictures that they have ever witnessed, and appreciation is evident in the ever-increasing business, as the house plays to capacity crowds almost all the time, be the weather on the outside ever so disagreeable.

"The Darling of the Screen," Mary Pickford, comes to head in today's big bill, in a great dramatic triumph, "His Gratitude." Popular Mary is seen at her very best in this picture, and is supported by an all-star cast of screen favorites.

Then comes pretty little Margarita Fischer in a Mutual dramatic feature, "Nieda," a weird romance of the wilderness that will hold your undivided attention from the beginning to end. She is supported in this big piece by Joseph Harris and Harry Pollard, two favorites.

Mabel Normand then comes along with one of her irresistible comedy features, "Hello Mabel."

Then comes a big Frontier dramatic offering, "A Relic of the Olden Days," featuring such screen favorites as Willis L. Robards, Lorena Foster, Frederick Church and Edythe Sterling (sister to Forde).

CHARLOTTE GETS NEXT CONVENTION

(Continued From Page One.)

To nominate ministers' relief board: R. G. Kendrick, M. A. Adams, W. A. Graham, W. H. Lawhon, A. W. Early, J. T. Bynum, J. B. Morton.

Obituaries: W. A. Smith, J. F. Mitchener, G. P. Hamrick, L. B. Boney, S. F. Conrad, W. R. Davis, J. M. Page, S. F. Morton.

To nominate board of State missions and Sunday schools: J. G. Blalock, D. P. Bridges, E. N. Johnson, R. P. Walker, H. H. Honeycutt, W. S. Downing, J. A. Maddry, J. W. Sullivan, A. A. Pippin.

Sunday schools: W. C. Barrett, Geo. V. Tilley, G. T. Stephenson, R. W. ton, Jr., C. S. Wooten, J. M. McKenzie, Thiot, J. V. Deveney, J. M. Brough-J. T. McDuffie.

Baptist Young People's Union: T. B. Davis, A. C. Hamby, H. B. Moore, A. C. Sherwood, N. H. Shepherd, Walter E. Wilson, W. G. Jennings, J. M. Goode.

Woman's work: C. W. Blanchard, C. S. Cashwell, T. M. Green, P. S. Vann, R. B. Lineberry, F. T. Collins, G. T. Wright.

Dr. Johnson's Report.

Every year when the Convention meets the most important report is that of the board of state missions and Sunday schools. It has always been the custom to read this report on Wednesday morning, but this year, owing to the fact that the Convention spent Wednesday in Wake Forest, opening the new church building there, the report was made the order of business for Thursday morning.

The report was read by Rev. Dr. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the board. It was listened to with intense interest, marking as it does the concise record of 12 months' labor for the denominational workers.

The report recites: That this is the best report presented to the Convention in its history; that the denomination was never in better condition for aggressive work; that the forces are well organized and that not a discordant note is heard in the length and breadth of the State.

The death of N. B. Broughton, a charter member of the board of trustees of Meredith College, also a member of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College, for more than 30 years secretary of the Convention and for many years a member of the board of missions, is reported.

During the year three missionary pastors of the board have died, Rev. C. M. Ervin, of Hickory; Rev. J. L. Bennett, of Monroe, and Rev. G. W. Coppedge, of Tar River Association.

The missionaries of the board have during the year preached 11,323 sermons, have supplied 379 churches, and have received 2,469 by baptism. They have aided in building 46 new church buildings and have organized five new churches. During the year 19 new church buildings have been completed. The increase in baptisms on mission fields over last year was 332, five more churches were built than in the previous year and nine more churches completed this year than last year.

The year was also markedly successful in the matter of contributions on the mission fields. This year the total contributions of the mission stations amounted to $115,194.87, an increase of $9,260.45 over last year. There are 321 Sunday schools in these churches and 31,275 pupils enrolled. There were reported 1,066 conversions among the Sunday school pupils.

Work in Western Carolina.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary W. R. Bradshaw reports an increased interest in the western part of the State where he labors for the board. A large part of his effort has been given to the organization of fields and the grouping of churches and in this he has succeeded well. The effort to enlist the unlisted churches has been profitable. Dr. Bradshaw held eight meetings with 232 conversions, and during the year held also 64 institutes in 14 associations and 11 counties. He aided in raising $3,000 for church buildings, in raising $2,500 for Mountain View school in Wilkes county; assisted in organizing four new churches, and delivered 295 addresses.

One of the special features of the work of the board was that of co-operation and enlistment. Secretary C. A. Upchurch, in this department makes a most impressive report. According to the official figures, there were 349 churches that did not contribute to any Convention object; 451 did not contribute to State missions; 632 did not contribute to Home missions; 571 did not contribute to Foreign missions; 545 did not contribute to the Orphanage; 1,506 did not contribute to Sunday school missions; 1,355 did not contribute to Ministerial Relief. These are known as the unenlisted churches and it is the work of Secretary Upchurch to endeavor to bring these churches into the contribution column.

He reports having worked with 127 churches, organized ten pastoral fields; conducted the "Every Member Canvass" in 17 churches; secured subscriptions for church expenses and missions amounting to $12,350. He also secured land for three parsonage properties, and introduced the Duplex envelope system in 33 churches. In doing this work he traveled 14,935 miles by rail and many more by private conveyance.

The result of this work will be seen in many years to come, bringing into the list of active working churches those that have heretofore been on the list of liabilities rather than assets of the denomination.

Baptist Young People's Work.

The department of Baptist Young People's Work, under the supervision of Secretary J. D. Moore, also shows a decidedly healthy condition. There are now 76 active organizations and four of these have attained the "A-1" class. In these organizations are over 4,000 active members, with 600 taking the Bible readers' course; 225 have taken one or more of the other courses.

Sunday School Work.

Again in making the report of Sunday school work does the board show the same healthy condition and development. The work of organizing new schools has gone forward. During the year 75 new schools have been started and of the 152 churches from which no Sunday school is reported at least 50 have themselves suspended all service. There are 2,052 Sunday schools with a total membership of over 200,000, a gain of 118 schools with over 10,000 scholars. Last year there were only 75 branch schools and this year there are 111. Last year 195 churches reported no Sunday school and this year only 152.

The board states that they believe that in fact there are only about 75 Baptist churches in the State where Sunday schools could be organized and supported without such organizations. Financially this department has not met expenses by $686.40, but there is no debt because of a surplus last year.

The total contributions to the work amounted to $2,500.71.

In the matter of teacher training the forward movement is also marked. In 17 educational institutions of the denomination there are teacher training classes with 556 pupils enrolled. In 20 other classes there are 414 students.

North Carolina stands second in the enrollment of Southern Baptist Convention organized classes, and very rapidly are the organized classes of Baptist Sunday schools enrolling as "Convention" classes.

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Rousing Keystone Comedy.

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Interesting Frontier Drama.

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After Years of Hatred, is Revenge Sweet?
"The Master Key" Will Answer.

CONCORD CHAPTER, NO. 1, R. A. M.

Will meet in Special Convocation this (Friday) evening at 8 P. M., to confer the Royal Arch degree.

Companions are urged to be present. By order of the High Priest.

JAS. H. TAYLOR, JR., Secretary.

Armour's Housewives Bulletin

You will be making your Christmas Pies and Cakes next week

Use *Armour's* "Simon Pure" Leaf Lard. It's what the label says. *Pure Leaf Fat* rendered in an open kettle in the old-fashioned way. It makes crisp—wholesome—flaky pie crust *that is digestible,* and you want your Christmas pies to be extra good.

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Armour's "Star" Brand Hams and Bacon
"Mild sugar" cure—perfect flavor.

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Ask your grocery man to tell you what day in the week the fresh Devonshire Farm Style Sausage comes in. And lay in a supply that day.
All meat—Young Pork—Perfectly Seasoned.
Armour's Devonshire Farm Style Sausage

Creamy—Delicious—Mild
Armour's Cloverbloom Cheese
A rich food of even quality. Makes savory dishes for lunch or supper with rice breadcrumbs, macaroni, etc.

Christmas Pies
Velvet Mincemeat, already prepared, needing only to be moistened at the moment of using. In glass jars, cartons and pails from all grocers.
Rich—Juicy—Spicy—Wholesome
Armour's Velvet

Economy and Reliability
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Startling Story of the Great West

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With Clever Edward O'Connor in the Stellar Part.

Migraine or Sick Headache

Dr. J. J. Caldwell says that this exceedingly distressing disease does not shorten life, but does not appear to be curable. Sufferers from this affliction are condemned to undergo the periodical attacks every few weeks until they are forty years of age, after which the attacks are less frequent, and finally disappear entirely. Palliative measures during the attack are all that it is possible to suggest, while care in the diet is the best preventive measure. An attack may often be prevented by taking two Anti-kamnia Tablets when the first symptoms appear, and one Anti-kamnia Tablet every two hours during the attack shortens it, eases the pain and brings rest and quiet.

Anti-kamnia may be obtained at all druggists. Ask for A-K Tablets. They quickly relieve all pain.

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Leather and felt slippers just received at Paterson & Rulfs.
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

CROP ESTIMATE IS LARGE

Market Responds to Government Figures With a Drop of From Twelve to Seventeen Points.

New York, Dec. 10.—The government report estimating the cotton crop of this year at 15,966,000 bales, excluding linters, exceeded average expectations in the local cotton trade.

It is generally figured that linters this year will be 600,000 bales or more so that the report was taken as pointing to total growth of fully 16,600,000 bales or nearly half a million in excess of previous bumper yield of 1911. The largest private estimate of the crop so far published here, called for 15,780,000 bales excluding linters, and local traders claim that today's was the first official estimate to exceed all previous estimates.

European houses were heavy sellers, while there was liquidation by recent investment buyers. The market closed barely steady at a net decline of 12 to 17 points. Trading was quiet before the report was issued and after opening at an advance of 2 to 3 points prices worked about 2 to 7 points net higher, on covering by yesterday's late sellers, and a more favorable view of the war situation, but the market showed little trading feature until the break in the last hour. Closing prices were the lowest of the day.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 7.40; Gulf 7.65. No sales.

Cotton futures closed barely steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	7.16	7.18	7.16	7.02
Mar	7.35	7.38	7.17	7.17
May	7.53	7.56	7.35	7.35
July	7.68	7.74	7.50	7.50
Oct	7.94	7.98	7.96	7.76

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 14,176; exports, 6,677; sales, 1,915; stock, 281,102.

Galveston — Middling, 7½; receipts, 21,159; exports, 14,215; sales, 1,248; stock, 385,711.

Mobile—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,655; sales, 75; stock, 29,008.

Savannah—Middling, 7; receipts, 13,823; exports, 12,155; sales, 6,337; stock, 230,378.

Charleston—Middling, 7; receipts, 2,999; stock, 108,498.

Wilmington — Middling, 7; receipts, 723; stock, 40,679.

Texas City—Receipts, 1,507.

Norfolk—Middling, 7; receipts, 3,466; sales, 1,141; stock, 61,966.

Baltimore—Middling, 7¼; stock, 3,137.

Boston—Middling, 7.50; receipts, 349; exports, 1,176; stock, 5,500.

Philadelphia — Middling, 7.65; receipts, 50; exports, 11,008; stock, 4,782.

New York—Middling, 7.40; exports, 6,679; stock, 82,086.

Minor Ports—Stock, 38,646.

Total today—Receipts, 55,831; exports, 51,316; stock, 1,351,890.

Total for week—Receipts, 299,547; exports, 235,052.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,404,465; exports, 1,711,547.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 23,974; shipments, 22,561; sales, 598; stock, 158,677.

Memphis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 4,860; shipments, 3,159; sales, 2,400; stock, 254,979.

Augusta—Middling, 7 1-16@7 3-16; receipts, 2,555; shipments, 2,463; sales, 7,858; stock, 157,325.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 1,536; shipments, 2,297; stock, 36,034.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,620; shipments, 1,194; stock, 3,684.

Little Rock—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 1,500; shipments, 1,427; stock, 51,474.

Dallas—Middling, 6¾; sales, 11,448.

Total today—Receipts, 35,845; shipments, 33,101; stock, 661,579.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Government Estimate of Crop Causes Big Break on Southern Market.

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—The government's estimate of a record breaking cotton crop this season caused a break of 22 to 23 points in the prices of most active future months on the local market today. At the lowest, prices were 16 to 17 points under yesterday's final quotations. The close was at a net loss for the day of 12 to 17 points.

The government's figures of 15,966,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight were used as the basis for calculations showing a commercial crop at from 16,300,000 to 16,800,000 and even 17,000,000 bales.

In the morning session prices at their est were seven points over yesterday's close.

The market acted short all day and gossip on the floor late in the session was to the effect that if the short interest had been smaller more selling would have followed the estimate and the break in prices would have been wider.

Spot cotton quiet, sales on the spot 65, to arrive 1,850.

Cotton futures closing: January 6.92; March 7.03; July 7.40; October 7.67.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Spot cotton, quiet. Prices easier; American middling fair, 5.24; good middling, 4.60; middling, 4.34; low middling, 3.88; good ordinary, 3.23; ordinary, 2.78.

Sales, 6,000 bales, including 5,100 and 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 10,331 bales; no American.

Futures closed steady. May-June, 4.10; July-August, 4.16; October-November, 4.26; January-February, 4.31.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—Cotton seed oil started steady, but later broke sharply under the bearish government report on cotton which brought out general liquidation. Final prices were 10 to 17 points net lower. Sales, 12,400 barrels.

The market closed weak. Spot, 5.70@5.89; December, 5.76@5.78; January, 5.84@5.87; February, 5.92@5.96; March, 6.02@6.04; April, 6.10@6.14; May, 6.25@6.26; June, 6.30@6.39; July, 6.46@6.47.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—Raw sugar, firm. Molasses sugar, 3.24@3.30; centrifugal, 3.89@3.95; refined, steady.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Unchanged.

Coffee—Spot, firm; nominal, 7¼@7¾; Santos, No. 4, 10¼; Santos, No. 4, was quoted at 8.40 to 9.60 in the cost, and freight market.

LARGEST CROP IN HISTORY

In Cotton Yield is Estimate of the Government—Over Sixteen Million and a Half Bales.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States this year has produced the greatest crop of cotton in its history. More than 16,000,000 bales, or 15,966,000 bales of lint cotton and linter cotton, unofficially estimated at from 600,000 to 650,000 bales, constitute the crop.

Last year 14,342,367 bales, including linters, were produced and in the previous record year, 1911, the production was 16,250,276 bales, including linters.

The production of lint is estimated at 7,637,113,000 pounds, or 69,500,000 pounds more than in 1911.

While the production exceeds any crop ever grown, its value will be far less, and smaller than any other year during the past five. Based on the average price of 6.8 cents a pound on December 1st, the lint is worth $519,323,624, while last year it was valued at $887,160,000.

The estimated production with comparisons, by States, follows:

States:	1914.	Average 1908-1912.
Virginia	24,000	18,305
North Carolina	950,000	779,037
South Carolina	1,500,000	1,252,981
Georgia	2,650,000	2,009,514
Florida	75,000	62,239
Alabama	1,690,000	1,324,624
Mississippi	1,275,000	1,250,361
Louisiana	460,000	$45,978
Texas	4,560,000	3,704,668
Arkansas	1,040,000	859,792
Tennessee	365,000	329,869
Missouri	76,000	62,836
Oklahoma	1,250,000	840,422
All other States	52,000	8,670

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Alcana (Ital.), 2,246 tons, Ghiglione, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Holasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linka, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Str. Regin (Nor.), 1,107 tons, Lykka, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Hope Sherwood, 522 tons, Colbreth, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett; C. D. Maffitt & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 10.

(All Naval Stores Yards closed on account of funeral of Capt. Wilder).

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 42; rosin, firm, $3.50; tar, firm, 2.50-11; crude firm, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	2
Rosin	10
Tar	122
Crude Turpentine	3

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 15 casks; rosin, 53 barrels; tar, 105 barrels; crude turpentine, 7 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 723 bales; same day last year, 2,753 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 67,055 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 285,362 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 10.

Atlantic Coast Line—483 bales cotton; 90 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—240 bales cotton. Geo. Slover—2 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 32 barrels tar.

Total—723 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 122 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Thursday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 5th.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

Grey Top Patent Leather Shoes.

Leather and felt slippers just received at Peterson & Ruffa.

(Advertisement.)

GOOD SECURITIES IN DEMAND

Continued Broadening of Demand for High Grade Issues Was Conspicuous Feature of Market.

New York, Dec. 10.—Continued broadening of the demand for high grade securities was the conspicuous feature of the general financial situation on the stock exchange here today.

Both bonds and stocks of speculative quality moved irregularly. The scope and extent of trading was below that of recent active days. In the stock list the weakest feature was New York Central which reflected yesterday's dividend announcement.

Routine news included the November tonnage statement of the United States Steel Corporation, which was more favorable than most forecasts and the government cotton report which estimated the 1914-15 yield at almost 16,000,000 without linters. Cotton options broke precipitately on publication of the report.

Leading steel mills, according to report have increased their production thus far this month and indications of genuine betterment were offered by advances in some special products.

Bankers again were in conference with representatives of European governments planning the placing of additional credits in this market, but details concerning these projects were not obtainable.

For the first time in several days, Reichmarks failed to show increasing strength. London's markets were cheerful and the Bank of England statement showed improvement over recent weeks.

Following are the closing prices as issued by the stock exchange committee—last sale:

Amalgamated Copper	49¼
American Beet Sugar	28¼
American Can	25
American Can., pfd	90¾
American Cotton Oil	34*
American Smelting	53¼
Amer. Smelting, pfd	97⅛
American Sugar	102
American Tel and Tel	117
American Tobacco	215
Atchison	91½
Bethlehem Steel	40½
Brooklyn Transit	87
Canadian Pacific	155¼
Central Leather	35½
St. Paul	85¾
Colorado Fuel	21½
Corn Products	8½
Denver	4¼
Denver, pfd	12*
Erie, 1st	33
Illinois Central	104½
Inter-Met	12¾
Harvester	91½
Kansas City Southern	20¼
Lehigh	133
Missouri Pacific	9⅝
National Biscuit	123
National Lead	41½
New York Central	79⅝
Norfolk and Western	98½
New Haven	51⅝
Northern Pacific	98
Ontario and Western	20
Pacific Mail	19½
Reading	140
Rock Island	1¼
Rock Island, pfd	2¾
Union Pacific	115
Union Pacific, pfd	78
United States Rubber	49
Utah Copper	46⅞
Western Union	58
Texas Oil	138

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 10. — Hogs — Lower, bulk 7.00@7.30; light 6.70@7.40; mixed, 6.80@7.40; heavy 6.75@7.40; rough 6.75@6.90; pigs 3.25@7.40.

Cattle — Firm. Christmas beeves, 11.00@13.00; native steers, 5.70@10.85; western steers, 5.25@8.40; cows and heifers, 3.25@8.50; calves, 6.50@9.25.

Sheep—Strong. Sheep, 5.40@6.50; yearlings, 6.50@7.75; lambs, 6.75@8.65.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 11, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 41 degrees; at 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 56 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, .48 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 10.2 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 11, 1914.

Sun rises	7:08 A. M.
Sun sets	5:03 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	4:24	4:49	11:42	12:00
Southport	1:55	2:19	8:26	8:46
Masonboro Inl	1:44	2:08	8:06	8:26

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 10, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	40	22	.0
Asheville	cldy	32	32	.0
Atlanta	cldy	38	36	.0
Augusta	clear	50	40	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	38	34	.0
Boston	clear	34	—	.0
Charleston	clear	56	44	.0
Charlotte	cldy	44	38	.0
Chicago	cldy	32	28	.20
Galveston	pt cldy	46	42	.0
Jacksonv.	clear	58	48	.0
Memphis	cldy	36	34	.01
Mobile	clear	54	38	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	46	38	.0
New Orl.	cldy	52	42	.0
New York	cldy	38	30	.0
Oklahoma	clear	26	24	.0
Palestine	cldy	38	34	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	36	34	.06
Raleigh	cldy	42	40	.04
Savannah	clear	54	44	.0
Shreveport	cldy	40	38	.0
St. Louis	snow	30	26	.01
Washing'n	rain	36	36	.12

BEARISH INFLUENCE OFFSET.

Fear of Frost in Argentina Counteracts German Naval Defeat on Wheat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Fear of grave damage by frost in Argentina more than offset the bearish influences today of the German naval defeat and the illness of Emperor William. The wheat market although much unsettled, closed ⅛@¼c to ⅜c. above last night.

Corn scored a net gain of ¼@⅜ to ⅝; oats finished ⅛ down to ¼ up, and provisions at a decline of 2½@5 to 20@22½.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—December, 1.16; May, 1.20⅝.

Corn—December, 62¾; May, 68¾.

Oats—December, 49⅞; May, 51⅝.

Pork—January, 17.90; May, 18.57.

Lard—January, 9.87; May, 9.92.

Ribs—January, 9.72; May, 10.02.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.15@1.15¼; No. 2, hard, 1.15¼@1.16.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 63@63½.

Oats—No. 3, white, 47@47¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 10.—Turpentine closed firm, 43; sales, 100; receipts, 291; shipments, 9; stocks, 32,617.

Rosin closed firm; sales, 923; receipts, 1,215; shipments, none; stocks, 133,318. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, $3.30; H, 3.32½ to 3.35; I, 3.50; K, 4.00; M, 4.50; N, 5.25; W G, 5.60; W W, 5.80.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—The buying of branded domestic cottons was stimulated by the price-reductions announced today. Raw silk was firmer and slightly higher. Overcoatings for fall were offered at an advance of 10 cents a yard.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¾c. to 2¾c. per lb.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—Cotton—Middling—Raleigh, 6 1-2; Fayetteville 6 1-2; Charlotte 7; Norfolk 7.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—Mercantile paper, 4½@4½. Sterling exchange, firm; sixty day bills, 4.8475; for cables, 4.8815; for demand, 4.8750. Bar silver, 49¾.

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Lv. Petersburg	11:00a.m.	10:40p.m.
Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
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No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Local train for Charlotte. Sleeper open at 10:00 P. M.

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EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:01 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:20 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 81. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 80. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ! 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ! 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting, at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 58. * 5:35 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 86. ! 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. !10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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SERENO E. PAYNE OF NEW YORK IS DEAD

End Came Suddenly in Washington Late Last Night.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Well Known Congressman, Ranking Minority Member of the Ways and Means Committee, Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Representative Sereno E. Payne, of New York, died suddenly of heart failure at his apartment here tonight.

Mr. Payne had retired to his room apparently in robust health. He telephoned the apartment house clerk about 11 o'clock asking that a physician be sent for. When the clerk reached the room the congressman was dying, and life was extinct before the doctor arrived.

Mr. Payne, who was 71 years old, lived alone and at midnight his body lay waiting for the coroner without friend or relative near. His wife died three years ago, and no one could be found tonight who knew the address of his only son.

Members of Congress who had seen Mr. Payne on the floor of the House today, active as usual, knew nothing of his death for more than an hour.

From New York.

A representative from New York in every Congress except one, since 1883 Mr. Payne was chairman of the ways and means committee and Republican floor leader in 1909-10, and directed the drafting of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. He was born at Hamilton, N. Y., June 26, 1843. He practiced law and was district attorney of Cayuga county and in 1883 was elected a member of Congress from the Twenty-sixth district. Later his district was the Thirty-first, and finally he represented the Thirty-sixth. In 1898 he was appointed a member of a joint high commission to negotiate a treaty with Canada. He had made his home at Auburn, N. Y., for years, though most of his time was spent in Washington.

As one of the foremost tariff authorities in Congress, Mr. Payne was a notable figure among the Republicans of the House long before he became chairman of the ways and means committee and framed the Republican tariff doctrine which stood until replaced by the Underwood.

When the Democrats gained control of the House four years ago Mr. Payne was succeeded as Republican leader by Representative Mann of Illinois, who had been one of his lieutenants during the tariff fights.

The New York representative, however, did not give up his activities as a party chief. During the Underwood tariff debate he made one of the notable speeches of the session and he was heard on the Panama toll exemption repeal bill and many of the important issues in the present Congress. His age was beginning to tell, however, and of late he had not infrequently dozed quietly in his chair for a few moments at a time during a day's session.

Friends Numerous.

He had an office assigned to him just across the corridor from the House. Though always at odds politically with Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Underwood, both of them had for him a very high opinion and personal regard.

The congressman leaves a son, Will Payne, who has been associated with him in the ways and means committee work from time to time for years. He was the ranking minority member of the ways and means committee, and last met with that committee when it was called together by Chairman Underwood in October to be photographed in moving pictures.

The body will be taken to New York State to the home city which at the last election returned him to Congress with a comfortable majority after a vigorous campaign.

Committees will be appointed by both Houses of Congress tomorrow to attend the funeral.

WEAKENING LINES PERMIT ALLIES TO HOLD POSITIONS

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yesterday reporting that Austro-German troops operating to the Southwest of Piotrkow repulsed attacks of Russians who were trying to force their way northward from Novo Radomsk also shows the precarious situation in which the enemy is placed. The Austrian bulletin reports considerable progress in West Galicia where the Germans and Austrians took 1,500 prisoners."

GERMAN SUBMARINES ACTIVE

Half a Dozen Made Determined Attempt to Enter Admiralty Harbor.

London, Dec. 11.—Half a dozen German submarines made an attempt at 6:30 o'clock Thursday morning to enter the admiralty harbor, according to a Dover dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company and for half an hour the batteries kept up a furious fusillade, firing at least 200 shots. It is reported that two or three of the submarines were sunk, but no confirmation of this can be obtained.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT

No Important Change on Front According to Official Announcement.

Petrograd (via London), Dec. 10.—The following official statement was issued tonight from general headquarters:

"There was no important change yesterday. Isolated attempts on the part of the enemy to take the offensive have given rise to engagements in the districts of Cienchanow and Przasnysz, as well as at Piotrkow and in several districts on our front. The result of the engagements was unfavorable to the Germans.

"In the region of the passes of Kyszkow and Besk (in the Carpathians) on December 8 during attacks on fortified positions held by the Austrians, we captured four guns, more than 300 prisoners and many wagons.

GALATIAN BATTLE CONTINUES

According to Austrian Report Reaching Berlin—Quiet in Poland.

Berlin, Dec. 10 (by Wireless to London).—The following official statement was issued today at army headquarters:

"It officially reported from Vienna that the Austrian attacks in Western Galicia continue.

"In Poland, it is quiet along the Southern battle front. The enemy's fresh attacks against Pietrkow again have failed, owing to the stubbornness of the Austro-German troops."

QUIET DAY ON FRONT.

According to Official Statement Issued at Paris Yesterday Afternoon.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The day of December 9th passed quietly in Belgium as well as in the vicinity of Arras, according to the official statement given out at the war office in Paris this afternoon.

The war office claims French advances at several points on the extended battle front, and makes no mention of any reverses. For instance, near Le Quesnoy, gains of from 200 to 600 yards were made; in the Aisne and on the heits of the Meuse the French artillery mastered the batteries of the enemy, and near Rheims French cannon compelled the avacuation of trenches. Counter attacks were repulsed near Perthes and in the Argonne. In the latter locality new trenches were taken by the French.

$100,000 BY JANUARY 1

Kinston Ready to Begin Improvements Early in Year.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 7.—Leach & Co., the New York purchasers of $100,000 of municipal bonds voted here last June, are expected to make payment for the issue before January 1, and actual construction of extensive street, lighting and sewerage improvements will be commenced soon afterwards, under the supervision of Gilbert White, the noted engineer. The sewerage extensions will be given first consideration, and will be of proportions to connect up every house within the corporate limits with the system.

OVER 4,000 BALES IN COLUMBUS WAREHOUSES

Banks Lending Money on Depositors' Certificates

Work on New Court House Halted—Gus Miller Caught—Commissioners Elect Mr. Brown Chairman—News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 10.—According to a statement made today by Secretary Seth L. Smith, of the Whiteville Warehouse Company, there have been between 2,000 and 2,100 bales of cotton stored in the three warehouses of the company to date. Of this number about 1,500 are in the Whiteville warehouse; 500 at Tabor and about 200 at Hallsboro.

The company was incorporated with a capital of $10,000, $5,000 of which has already been paid in and the officers of the company, Mr. J. W. Wilson, president, and Seth L. Smith, secretary and treasurer, are bonded respectively for $5,000 and $10,000. Mr. Smith also stated that it had been no trouble whatever for the customers of the warehouse to obtain loans from local banks and bankers on the certificates. A storage charge of 20c per month is made on each bale of cotton, which with the special war tax required to be placed on each receipt, is all the expense attached to the storing.

At Cerro Gordo, in another part of the county, where the warehouse people have a bonded warehouse recently built at a cost of about $10,000, there are now between 2,000 and 2,500 bales of cotton stored, and the Bank of Cerro Gordo is lending money to the planters on the certificates.

A strike in the Statesville brick yards among the employes, causing a delay in the shipment of brick for the new court house here, has caused a considerable delay in the work thereon. The work had progressed nicely until this mishap, but Superintendent Burnett stated that he was unable to say just when they would be able to resume work.

Gus Miller Caught at Last.

Gus Miller, alias Sam Miller, who has been wanted in Columbus county for the last ten months, is again in the hands of the law and will be brought back to Whiteville today by Deputy Sheriff Gaston Best who left for Durham yesterday morning in response to a long distance message from Chief of Police Pendergrass there, informing him that the negro had been arrested and would be held awaiting the arrival of an officer from this place. Miller is the negro who made good his escape from Sheriff Best last February when the officers made a wholesale raid on blind tigers at Bolton, and the officers here have been very anxious to get Miller on account of the fact that he was a leader among the rum dispensers at that place and also because it is commonly reported at Bolton that Miller is the same man who shot a white man in his restaurant there about ten months ago, wounding him, and instantly killing another negro.

Mr. Brown Chairman.

Very few matters came before the newly elected board of county commissioners during the half day session Monday. The new board, composed of R. E. L. Brown, Chadbourn; K. B. Council, Wananish, and John B. Cox, Guide, met and elected Mr. Brown chairman of the board for the ensuing term, and save routine matters nothing unusual came up. The new board of road commissioners met and elected Dr. W. Ross Davis chairman and the other two members are A. A. Williams, Clarendon, and F. Richardson, Vineland. The road commissioners accepted the resignation of Capt. J. W. Martin, superintendent of roads, and will meet again Monday for the purpose of electing his successor. About 15 applications have been made for the vacancy.

Indications are that from 50 to 60 applicants will stand the examination to be held here next Saturday by Postmaster A. E. Powell for rural letter carriers. There are two vacancies in the county at present, one here and one at Newberlin.

With the shutting down of the Whiteville Lumber Company January 2nd, as reported here today, there will be between 2,000 and 2,500 men in the county thrown out of employment. The closing of the mills of the Waccamaw Lumber Company means about 1,000 of these and the destruction of the plant of the Williamson & Brown Land & Lumber Company by fire put another 500 out of a job.

STATE PRISON HAS SURPLUS OF $7,409

In Addition to Farm Products and Railroad Earnings.

ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS

Sale of State Farm Opposed by Prison Board—Convict Labor on Building Railroads Entails Loss to the State.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—The biennial report of Superintendent J. S. Mann and the board of directors of the State Prison was filed this afternoon with Governor Craig by Chairman Varner of the prison board, for him to transmit to the General Assembly. It shows a balance in the Treasury to the credit of the institution of $20,100, with $12,791 current bills against the prison outstanding. In addition the prison management has the surplus products of the farm the past year and $16,985 in solvent credits and earnings to be derived from the convict labor for future maintenance.

This showing is made after covering into the State Treasury $150,000 prison earnings required by a joint resolution of the last Legislature and after giving effect to a ruling by the attorney general that the stock in the Statesville Air Line railroad earned by convict labor cannot be placed to the credit of the prison on the books of the State treasurer.

Convicts on Railroads at Loss.

The report shows 415 convicts engaged on contract work distributed as follows: Elkin & Alleghany railroad, 221; Watauga & Yadkin, 56; Statesville Air Line, 46; Hickory Nut Gap highway, 59; Madison County highway, 33.

It is set out that the prison is receiving credit on the books of the State treasurer of $350 per day for the convicts at work on the Elkin & Alleghany; $91 per day for those on the Watauga & Yadkin. The other convicts on contract work bring no revenue to the prison that it can use for maintenance. Indeed, the prison has had to expend $60,919 for maintenance of these convicts, which added to the loss through no revenue from the work on the Statesville Air Line makes $117,573 total losses to the prison the past two years through this system.

State Farm.

In treating the State farm the report sets out that the farm is in excellent condition with the dikes to prevent overflow in the best condition they have ever been, but with still danger from overflow in the event there should come sufficiently heavy freshets. Insistance is made that a thorough study of conditions would completely eliminate whatever sentiment there may be in this State for selling the State farm, and that convict labor on the State farm in the nature of things cannot compete with agricultural work at large.

Figuring on a basis of 15,000,000 bales as the Southern cotton crop and North Carolina's part of this as one million, the report submits the proposition that the one thousand bales grown on the State farm with convict labor would be only one 15-1,000 part of the entire crop and any possible effect of this in lowering the price of cotton on the general market could not be more than 200-1,000 part of a cent per pound. This is figured to be $2,500 for North Carolina and the prison gets $37,500 for its State farm cotton toward maintaining its convict system with only a $2,500 deterioration on the cotton revenue in the whole State. These earnings, too, are pointed out to be through prisoners suffering from physical defects that would disqualify them for railroad contract or highway work. The report mentions these as increasing the disposition to retain ablebodied convicts for the county chaingangs and sending the physically unfit to the penitentiary.

LARGE STILL AND OUTFIT CAPTURED IN CRAVEN COUNTY

Capacity of Over Two-Hundred Gallons. Operators Make Good Escape.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, Dec. 7.—One of the most sensational raids in the history of Craven county took place four miles from the little town of Vanceboro, when United States Deputy Collector I. M. Tull, of Kinston, and Deputy Marshal Ange and Deputy Sheriffs Bayliss and Oden, of this city, swooped down on an illicit distilling plant and found a still with a capacity of 200 gallons, 12 fermenters, a worm, a number of sacks of meal and 200 gallons of beer.

The officers left this city early in the day and proceeded to the home of Len Laughinghouse, where they had been informed the still was in operation. Arriving at the scene, they began a search for the plant, and quickly located it. The revenuers at once started out in search of the operators. Going toward Laughinghouse's home they saw his two sons make for the tall timber. It would have been possible for the officers to have shot the fleeing men but they did not want to kill them and they succeeded in escaping. The father of the boys was found at home, but as there was no warrant for his arrest, he was not taken into custody. Returning to the still, the officers cut and slashed this into hundreds of pieces, poured out all of the beer, and so disfigured the plant that it will be impossible to ever operate it again.

Len Laughinghouse is reputed to be a blockader, and, in fact, has just finished serving a six months' sentence for illicit distilling. The people of the Vanceboro section are anxious to break up the violations of the internal revenue law in that section, and are assisting the officers in every possible way in their work.

Being a believer in optimism, Secretary Lane of the Interior Department has organized the department employes and attaches into a good cheer club. When those in the interior can be full of good cheer, those of us on the edge ought to be more so.

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(Advertisement.)

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION AT EXPENSE OF PUBLIC

Advocated by Samuel Gompers at Richmond.

President of the American Federation of Labor is Leading Speaker at Richmond Convention—Other Notable Speakers.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—Industrial education at the public expense was advocated by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, at a banquet tonight incident to the annual convention of the National Society for the promotion of Industrial Education now in session here.

"Since technical education of the workers in trade and industry is a public necessity, it should not be a private but a public function, conducted by the public and the expense involved at the public cost."

Mr. Gompers declared that organized labor does not oppose development of industrial education in the public schools, but is eager to co-operate. The most difficult problem, he said, is to maintain the proper equilibrium of labor supply and demand, this being possible only by an industrial survey of the individual community to find out what class of labor is needed.

Other speakers at the banquet over which Gov. Henry C. Stuart presided were Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Laura Drake Gill, of Durham, N. C.; and Royal Meeker, United States commissioner of Labor Statistics.

Today's sessions of the association were taken up with an analysis of the recent industrial survey of Richmond, with the purpose of establishing a basis of an industrial educational system throughout the country. Among those who discussed the survey were C. A. Prosser, secretary of the association; Leonard P. Ayres, of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York; Charles H. Winslow, of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics; Cheeseman A. Herrick, president Girard College, Philadelphia; M. P. Shawkey, superintendent of education of West Virginia; P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education; A. A. Dean, of Albany; Mrs. Mary Scheneck Woolman, of New York; R. W. Selvidge, of Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and William M. Davidson, of Pittsburg, Pa.

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trust. One of the ominous signs of the times is the change of Japanese sentiment towards us. Now while Europe is fast being depleted of her military and naval strength, thus postponing in the very nature of things, the possibility of our being involved in the war, we are asking for a greater degree of preparedness. Japan will ask why."

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R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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